

Glossary of common terms and acronyms in standardization

AMD (Amendment)

ratified supplementary document to a standard that has already been circulated to national members for national implementation, to be read in conjunction with that standard and which alters and/or adds to previously agreed technical provisions

ANEC

organization representing the European consumer interest in the creation of technical standards, especially those developed to support the implementation of European laws and public policies

Annex Z

European annex(es), both normative and informative, on normative references to international publications with their corresponding European publications, special national conditions, A-deviations and, in case of candidate harmonized standards, the relationship with essential requirements of the New Legislative Framework

Approved Body

body accredited by a competent authority to undertake conformity assessment tasks under Regulations/Directives

ASD-STAN

associated body to CEN (European Committee for Standardization) for Aerospace Standards

BT (Technical Board)

technical board established in both CEN and CENELEC to oversee the work programmes of each organization

CCMC (CEN/CENELEC Management Centre)

administrative offices of CEN and CENELEC

CD (Committee Draft)

drafting stage in the development of ISO and IEC standards

CDV (Committee Draft for Voting)

development stage in the IEC system, equivalent to the DIS in the ISO system, at which a draft is made available for an extended comment period, and which also requires a vote from each P-member

CEN (European Committee for Standardization)

European standards body, of which BSI is the UK member, officially recognized by the European Union and the European Free Trade Association

CENELEC (European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization)

European standards body, of which BSI is the UK member, officially recognized by the European Union and the European Free Trade Association for standardization in the area of electrotechnical engineering

NOTE CENELEC is sometimes abbreviated to CLC.

COR (Corrigendum)

supplementary document which corrects one or more errors or ambiguities that were inadvertently introduced in either drafting or printing and which could lead to incorrect or unsafe application of the standard

CWA (CEN (or CENELEC) Workshop Agreement)

CEN/CENELEC agreement, developed by a workshop, which reflects the limited consensus of identified individuals and organizations responsible for its contents

designated standard

standard, developed by consensus, which is recognized by government in part or in full by publishing its reference on GOV.UK in a formal notice of publication

DIS

draft International Standard, in the ISO system (equivalent to the CDV stage in IEC)

DPC (Draft for Public Comment)

stage in the development of a British Standard of UK origin, or when a European standard is at the ENQ stage, or an international standard is at the DIS or CDV stage, in which a draft is made publicly available by BSI for a commenting period

EN (Norme Européen) (European standard)

European standard implemented nationally by all CEN/CENELEC members

ENQ (Enquiry)

stage in the development of a European standard, equivalent to DIS or CDV, in which a draft is made available for an extended comment period, and which requires a vote from each P-member

NOTE Enquiry is also known as prEN.

essential requirements

requirements that represent the core of European Union law around which an effective policy has been developed in matters of safety, health and other measures for those areas covered by the New Legislative Framework

ETSI (European Telecommunications Standards Institute)

European standards body officially recognized by the European Union and the European Free Trade Association for standardization in the area of telecommunications

European Directive

legislative instrument within the European Union (EU) which is binding for Member States regarding the objectives to be achieved, but which leaves national authorities the choice of form and methods used to attain those objectives

FDIS (Final Draft International Standard)

final voting stage in the ISO and IEC systems

FV (Formal Vote)

final voting stage in the development of European standards, equivalent to FDIS

NOTE FV is also known as FprEN.

Frankfurt Agreement

co-operation agreement between IEC and CENELEC

NOTE The agreement relates to common planning of new work and parallel IEC/CENELEC voting. The main goal of the agreement is to avoid duplication of efforts, accelerate the standards development process and ensure the best use of resources available.

HD (Harmonization Document)

normative document made available by CENELEC, announced at national level and every conflicting national standard is withdrawn

Harmonized Standard

European standard adopted on the basis of a request made by the Commission for the application of Union harmonization legislation

NOTE The references of harmonized standards are published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

IEC Conformity Assessment Board (IEC/CAB)

body responsible for the management and supervision of IEC conformity assessment activities, including oversight of the IEC Conformity Assessment Systems

IEC/CO (IEC Central Office)

administrative offices of IEC

Internal Regulations (of CEN/CENELEC)

common rules for the standardization work of CEN/CENELEC

IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission)

international standards body for standardization in the area of electrical and electronic technology and engineering, of which BSI is the UK member

ISO (International Organization for Standardization)

international standards body, of which BSI is the UK member

ISO/CASCO (ISO Conformity Assessment Committee)

ISO's policy development committee on conformity assessment

ISO/CS (ISO Central Secretariat)

administrative offices of ISO

ISO/IEC Directives

common rules for the standardization work of ISO/IEC

ISO/PAS

Publicly Available Specification published by ISO to respond to an urgent market need, representing either the consensus of the experts within an ISO working group, or a consensus in an organization external to ISO

National deviation

modification of, addition to or deletion from the content of an EN (and HD for CENELEC), made in a national standard within the same scope as the EN (and HD for CENELEC)

NOTE A national deviation does not form part of the EN (and HD for CENELEC).

ITU-T (International Telecommunication Union, telecommunication standardization sector)

standards development organization with membership from Ministries, regulators, industry and academia across the countries in the United Nations who coordinate with ISO and IEC to avoid duplication of work

IWA (International Workshop Agreement)

document developed outside the normal ISO committee system to enable market players to negotiate in an “open workshop” environment

NSB (National Standards Body)

organization appointed to represent the national member body (e.g. BSI in the UK) in ISO and CEN

NWIP (New Work Item Proposal)

proposal for new work which requires a vote from each P-member

NOTE NWIP is also known as NP.

New Legislative Framework

package of measures that aim to improve the internal market for goods and strengthen the conditions for placing a wide range of products on the EU market

NOTE The New Approach was integrated into the New Legislative Framework for marketing of products in 2008.

O-member (observer member)

non-voting national member of an ISO or IEC committee

OJEU (Official Journal of the European Union)

official publication of the Institutions of the European Union

NOTE OJEU is also known as OJ.

P-member (participating member)

voting national member of an ISO or IEC committee

parallel voting

procedure under the Vienna and Frankfurt Agreements for draft standards developed between CEN/CENELEC and ISO/IEC which permits approval of draft standards by both organizations within the same time period

NOTE Parallel approval is considered to take place at two stages: the CEN/CENELEC enquiry vote equates to the ISO/IEC DIS vote; the CEN/CENELEC formal vote equates to the ISO/IEC FDIS vote.

SMB (Standardization Management Board)

body within IEC responsible for the setting-up and disbanding of TCs (technical committees) and SCs (subcommittees)

SR (Systematic Review)

process by which standards are reviewed at least every 5 years after publication

standardization request/mandate

standardization request (mandate) from the European Commission to CEN, CENELEC and ETSI to draw up and adopt European standards or European standardization deliverables in support of European policies and legislation

TMB (Technical Management Board)

body responsible for management of the technical work within ISO, the technical committees that lead standards development and any strategic advisory boards created on technical matters

TR (Technical Report)

document containing informative material not suitable to be published as a standard or as a Technical Specification

TS (Technical Specification)

document for which there is the future possibility of agreement on a standard, but for which at present: the required support for approval as a standard cannot be obtained; there is doubt on whether consensus has been achieved; the subject matter is still under technical development, or there is another reason precluding immediate publication as a standard

Vienna Agreement

agreement on technical cooperation between ISO and CEN

Vilamoura Agreement

procedure whereby any new national electrotechnical work has initially to be offered to CENELEC as a proposal for a European standard, and made open to participation by other CENELEC members

weighted voting

voting system applied for the approval of European standards, whereby the votes of each CEN/CENELEC member are weighted according to a pre-determined formula.

WG (Working Group)

group established by an international or European technical committee or subcommittee for a specific task