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ISO/IEC Governance and Leadership

Australia holds positions on several key international governance groups, including ISO's Technical Management Board (TMB) and IEC's Standardization Management Board (SMB), Conformity Assessment Board (CAB) and Council Board (CB). These positions give Australia a voice on the policy, operational and strategic direction of ISO and IEC. Recent developments include:

1. ISO and IEC Consultation Survey for Australian Contributors – May 2022

On 4 May 2022, Standards Australia hosted an online consultation session for all Australian contributors to ISO and IEC. The session provided an opportunity to learn more about Australia's priorities and engagement in ISO and IEC, as well as to answer to contributors' questions.

We invite all attendees to share feedback through the post-event survey.

Click <u>here</u> to complete the survey.

2. <u>Revision of Travel Subsidies for Australian Delegates Attending ISO and IEC Meetings</u>

Every year around 600 delegates represent Australian mirror committees at ISO and IEC international technical committee and working group meetings. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic approximately two-thirds of these delegates are provided a subsidy to assist with their costs in attending the meeting. The subsidies are provided by the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources (DISER), as part of the Support for Industry Services Organisation (SISO) Programme and are administered by Standards Australia.

For Australia to actively participate and therefore influence the direction and content of standards in a given area, attendance at meetings is vitally important. A set amount of funding is allocated to delegates based on location of the meeting, the number of days attending and the numbers of Australian delegates attending. A review of the subsidies was timely as the last review was completed in 2017 and the global COVID-19 pandemic has had an effect on travel costs.

As a result of the review modifications have been made to the subsidy levels and will come into effect for travel occurring after 1 May 2022. The new amounts are set out in the <u>Guide to nomination and funding application process for international meetings</u> (GU 509). There will also be an additional provision of subsidy to assist with pre-travel COVID testing costs. As travel costs are likely to fluctuate over the coming year a further review will be undertaken of the subsidies at the end of 2022.

For more information please contact the International team international.participation@standards.org.au.

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ISO Technical Update

1. <u>Guidelines for overseas warehouse services in cross-border trade: New Work</u> Item Proposal

A proposal for a new work item on *Guidelines for overseas warehouse services in cross-border trade* has been submitted by SAC (China). Standards Australia invites stakeholders to share their views on the proposal to help inform the Australian position (feedback is requested **by 1 June 2022**).

The proposal specifies the key elements in providing overseas warehouse services in cross border trade. It specifies the services offered by overseas warehouses, and highlights specific functions including the general principles, service provisions, service processes, service guarantee, service quality, evaluation, and improvements.

The proposal applies to overseas warehouse service providers and other related parties. This will guide overseas warehouse service providers on the safe and compliant overseas warehouse services. The proposal does not apply to the fields that are covered by the scope of ISO/TC 315 cold chain logistics.

To provide feedback or learn more about the proposal, please contact us at intsect@standards.org.au.

2. Smart distribution in logistics: New Field of Technical Activity

A proposal for a new field of technical activity and to establish a new ISO Technical Committee on *Smart distribution in logistics* has been submitted by SAC (China). Standards Australia invites stakeholders to share their views on the proposal to help inform the Australian position (feedback is requested **by 1 July 2022**).

The scope of the proposed new technical committee is to standardise services, techniques application and management in the field of distribution in logistics, specifically including the process of distributing goods from manufacturer or distributor to regional hub, distribution centres, and ultimately to businesses such as urban retailers, and to improve the quality, safety and efficiency of distribution operations, and to enhance the stability, flexibility and sustainability of distribution in logistics.

The scope will include, but is not limited to:

- Development of general requirement, framework, metrics, guidance, performance indicator, evaluation for smart distribution in logistics, etc.
- Provision of service assurance for smart distribution in logistics (e.g. smart operation of distribution centre, freight fleet management, education and training for operators, etc.)
- Operation, service and synergy optimization of distribution in logistics (e.g. order processing, cargo consolidation, sorting, picking, storage, repackaging and protective handling, loading, unloading, capacity allocation, shipping, distribution, other customized services, etc.)

The proposal does not apply to the fields that are covered by the scope of:

• ISO/TC 22 Road vehicles

- ISO/TC 34 Food products
- ISO/TC122 Packaging
- ISO/TC 204 Intelligent transport systems
- ISO/TC 268 Sustainable cities and communities
- ISO/TC 315 Cold chain logistics
- ISO/TC 321 Transaction assurance in E-commerce

To provide feedback or learn more about the proposal, please contact us at intsect@standards.org.au.

3. Online catering services: New Field of Technical Activity

A proposal for a new field of technical activity and to establish a new ISO Technical Committee on *Online catering services,* has been submitted by SAC (China). Standards Australia invites stakeholders to share their views on the proposal to help inform the Australian position (feedback is requested **by 6 July 2022**).

The scope of the proposal is focused on Standardisation in the field of online catering services. The scope will include, but is not limited to:

- Vocabulary, principles, and framework of online catering service
- Guidelines for service of online catering service providers, including physical restaurants, virtual kitchens/virtual restaurants
- Contents and methods of meal display and information description on online catering service website/App, and accessible online ordering
- Operation management of online catering service providers, including purchasing and inventory, marketing
- Monitoring, evaluation, and improvement of service

The proposal does not apply to the fields that are covered by the scope of:

- ISO/TC 34/SC 17 (food safety management)
- ISO/TC 122 (Packaging)
- ISO/TC 228/WG 16 (Tourism and related services Restaurants)
- ISO/TC 268/SC 2(Sustainable cities and communities Sustainable mobility and transportation)
- ISO/TC 290 (Online reputation)
- ISO/TC 315 (Cold chain logistics)
- ISO/TC 326 (Machinery intended for use with foodstuffs)

To provide feedback or learn more about the proposal, please contact us at intsect@standards.org.au.

4. <u>Invitation to an international workshop on Live streaming marketing services</u>

The National Standards Body from China has issued an invitation for stakeholders to participate in an international workshop on live streaming marketing service, to be held virtually in June.

The aim of the project is to develop an <u>International Workshop Agreement (IWA)</u> by refining the practice of live marketing companies on a global scale. The IWA will meet the growing consumer demand, help companies use live streaming as a marketing tool to facilitate online business, as well as provide suggestions for companies to collect or recruit live streaming marketing talents. Hence, the workshops and the IWA formed through the process will help the live streaming marketing industry to develop more sustainably.

For further information please contact international.participation@standards.org.au.

IEC Technical Update

1. A governance framework for organizations deploying AI systems

Establishing a governance framework for artificial intelligence is essential for any organization that uses AI in its daily business. It is a boardroom-level responsibility, limited not only to ensuring the effective use of AI, but also encompassing risk management, regulatory compliance, and ethical usage.

A new international standard, <u>ISO/IEC 38507</u>, provides guidance for the governing bodies of organizations that are either using or considering the use of AI. ISO/IEC 38507 will help organizations to adapt their existing governance and organizational policies for the use of AI. It offers guidance on defining responsibilities and assigning accountability.

ISO/IEC 38507 is the first port of call for any organization planning to deploy AI to further realize the benefits of digital transformation. ISO/IEC 38507 is developed by ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 42, where Australia is a P-member.

Read more here.

2. Ready to join the 2022 IEC YP Programme?

Preparations are underway for the upcoming <u>IEC Young Professionals (YP) workshop</u> taking place from 31 October to 4 November in San Francisco, USA. The YP workshop, which is organized alongside the IEC General Meeting, will welcome a new group of professionals into the YP Programme as well as into the larger IEC community.

Through the IEC YP workshop, participants will experience the IEC in action. Young Professionals will be introduced into the field of international standardization and conformity assessment where they will network with experts who help shape the rules and best practices governing the safety, performance, and reliability of technology.

Australia has a strong history in the YP programme and has sent Young Professionals to participate every year since its launch, about 10 years ago – many of our past YPs have gone on to become IEC Chairs, and hold governance positions in the IEC.

Applications for the 2022 IEC Young Professionals Programme can be submitted to Standards Australia. For more information, see our <u>website</u>.

Read more here.

3. New edition of EV accessories standard published

The sale of electric vehicles is booming. According to <u>Statista</u>, with nearly 7 million EVs sold in 2021, sales have doubled compared with the previous year. In Europe, <u>electric vehicles outsold diesel cars in December</u> for the first time. In 18 countries, more than 20% of new cars sold were electric.

To help ensure that electric vehicles operate and connect safely to the electricity grid, IEC Standards are needed. The standards developed in the <u>IEC 62196 series</u>, specify the requirements for plugs, socket-outlets, vehicle connectors, vehicle inlets to interface between the EV and the EV charging

system. Known as "accessories" for electric vehicles, they are used for conducive charging systems such as the Combined Charging System (CCS) and CHAdeMO.

IEC 62196-1 has been developed by <u>IEC Subcommittee 23H</u>, Plugs, socket outlets and couplers for industrial and similar applications, and for electric vehicles. It replaces the previous edition which was published in 2014. Australia is an O-member of the Subcommittee.

Read more <u>here.</u>