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Guide for addressing sustainability in standards

Guide relatif au traitement de la durabilité dans les normes

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Foreword

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ISO Guide 82 was prepared by the ISO Technical Management Board Sustainability Drafting Group.

Introduction

Sustainability is the goal of sustainable development. It refers to the state of the global system in which the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. The concept of sustainability is continually evolving. Achieving a balance between environmental, social and economic systems is considered essential for achieving sustainability. The achievement of sustainability is now recognized as one of the most important considerations in every human endeavour and activity.

Often the term “sustainable development” is used to describe development that leads to sustainability, and the term “social responsibility” is used to describe how an individual company or organization can contribute to sustainable development.

International Standards can contribute to the achievement of sustainability either directly, where they specifically address sustainability issues, or indirectly, where they relate to testing, products, procedures, services, terminology, management systems or auditing.

This Guide is intended for use by all those involved in the development of ISO standards. It is intended to:

- a) raise awareness of sustainability issues arising from the application of International Standards;
- c) provide a systematic approach to addressing sustainability issues in a coherent and consistent manner by standards writers, with regard to both new and revised standards, and related to the objective and scope of the standard being developed
- d) promote consistency, where appropriate, among standards that address sustainability.

Other related guides, such as ISO Guide 64 for addressing environmental issues in product standards, and ISO 26000, Guidance on social responsibility (in organizations) are referred to in this Guide, as appropriate.

At any stage in the standards development process, standards writers are encouraged to consider sustainability issues in their work. The lack of consideration of sustainability issues may be a valid reason to initiate the revision of a standard. Also, the significance or relevance of specific issues may have changed since the first drafting or the last review of a standard. Whenever a new standard is drafted or an existing standard is revised or intended to be revised, the standard writers (including project leaders and their technical committee chairman/convenors) are all encouraged to actively promote the application of this Guide.

Guide for addressing sustainability in standards

1 Scope

This Guide provides guidance to standards writers on how to take account of sustainability in the drafting of ISO standards and similar deliverables.

It outlines a methodology for ISO standards writers to develop their own approach to the task on a subject specific basis.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC Guide 2, *Standardization and related activities — General vocabulary*

ISO 14050, *Environmental management — Vocabulary*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC Guide 2, ISO 14050 and the following apply.

3.1

sustainability

goal of sustainable development.

Note 1 to entry: The environmental, social and economic subsystems of the global system interact and are interdependent. They are often referred to with phrases such as the three dimensions or pillars of sustainability.

3.2

sustainable development

development that meets the environmental, social and economic needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Note derived from the Brundtland Report].

3.3

stakeholder

individual or group that has an interest in any decision or activity of an organization

[SOURCE: ISO 26000:2010, definition 2.20]

3.4

social responsibility

responsibility of an organization for the impacts of its decisions and activities on society and the environment, through transparent and ethical behaviour that:

- contributes to sustainable development (3.2), including the health and the welfare of society;