

Regulation on European Standardisation Reg.(EU) No 1025/2012

Enterprise and Industry Directorate-General
Standards for Boosting Competitiveness

Background

- EC adopted the proposal: 1 June 2011
- 1st reading agreement: 30 May 2012
- Adopted by EP: 11 September 2012
- Adopted by Council: 4 October 2012
- Applicable: 1 January 2013

Policy context

Europe 2020 Flagships

- *Industrial Policy*
- *Innovation Union*
- *Digital Agenda*
- *Resource Efficiency*

Single Market Act ***Disability Strategy***

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Consolidated legal basis for European standardisation

- *European standardisation as **a policy tool** for the Union*
- *Sets basic **rules for co-operation** between standardisation organisations, EC and Member States*
- ***Replaces** Decisions 1673/2006/EC and 87/95/EC, and part of Directive 98/34/EC*
- ***Amends** several Directives (objections to harmonised standards)*

Objectives and achievements

1. **Speed** of mandated standardisation
2. **Inclusiveness** of standardisation process
3. Standardisation as a policy tool in **service** sectors
4. Review of **ICT** standardisation policy
5. **Alignment** of procedures in harmonisation legislation using "harmonised standards"
6. Legal basis for **financing** standardisation

1 Speed of mandated standardisation

Planning and **transparency** of EC mandates to promote earlier availability of mandated standards

- *Annual Union Work Programme* (strategic priorities, future mandates, international aspects)
- *Online notification system for stakeholders* (Work programme, mandates, formal objections, ICT specifications, delegated acts)
- *A deadline for ESOs when accepting mandates*
- *Reporting requirements for ESOs*
- *Financing conditional on fulfilment of agreed deadlines*

2 Inclusiveness of standardisation process

- Representation of **SMEs and societal stakeholders** in European standardisation including financial support
- Participation of **research community** in European standardisation
- Participation of **Member States' public authorities** at national level
- **SME access** to standards and standardisation at national level

3 Standardisation as a policy tool in service sectors

- European standardisation is confirmed **as a policy tool** to support Union **legislation and policies on services**
 - *Clear legal basis for EC mandates on service standards supporting Union legislation and policies (98/34 Directive covered products only)*
 - *Transparency of national work programmes including national work items on services*

4 Review of ICT standardisation policy

- **Enabling referencing** to selected ICT technical specifications in public procurement
 - *Proposals from EC and Member States*
 - *Criteria for identification in Annex II*
 - *ICT multi-stakeholder platform as a consultative entity*

5 Procedures for "harmonised standards"

- **Harmonised principles** for use of harmonised standards supporting Union harmonisation legislation
 - *Definition*
 - *Mandate*
 - *Need to publish reference in the OJEU*
 - *Formal objection*
- **Aligning** existing harmonisation legislation concerning placing on the market of products
- A single procedure **for all future** harmonisation legislation where harmonised standards are utilised

6 Legal basis financing standardisation

- Framework for financing **ESOs**
 - *Includes financing of NSBs and other bodies co-operating with ESOs*
- Framework for financing **European stakeholder organisations** representing SMEs, consumers, workers and environmental stakeholders
 - *Grants after a call for proposals*
 - *Eligibility criteria in Annex III*

Implementation – short term

1. Setting up the **new Committee**
2. Setting up a **notification system** for all stakeholders
3. Adapting **mandating** and **formal objection** procedures with comitology
4. Preparation of **Annual Union Work Programme**
5. Starting identification of **ICT specifications** with help of the ICT multi-stakeholder platform
6. Publication of **the list of NSBs** in the OJEU

Implementation – medium/longer term

1. Applying the new **financing** scheme (ESOs, stakeholder organisations)
2. Review of **EC web-site** including **Vademecum** on European standardisation
3. Building **reporting** schemes to enable evaluation of implementation (effectiveness and simplification of financing, transparency, inclusiveness, speed and quality of mandated work)
4. Evaluation of the **impact of comitology** for mandates (review clause in Art. 25)
5. Launching an **independent review** (Action 29 in Communication COM2011(311))

***Thank you for your
attention***

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