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## International

### 1. [WTO opens online registration for 2019 Public Forum](#)

Online registration for the 2019 Public Forum is now open. The main theme of this year's event, to be held at the WTO's headquarters from 8 to 11 October, is "Trading Forward: Adapting to a Changing World". Registration closes on 16 September 2019.

Participation at the Forum is free of charge. Travel and accommodation costs are to be borne by participants.

Learn more [here](#).

### 2. [Members adopt draft decision to improve tariff and import data, discuss trade concerns](#)

WTO members reached consensus on adopting a new decision on the modalities and operation of the Integrated Database (IDB), the main source of tariff and import data at the WTO. The decision, adopted at the formal meeting of the Market Access Committee held on 28 May, will help members to simplify how these data are collected and to improve on the previous procedures adopted in 1997. Members also discussed a large number of trade concerns.

Learn more [here](#).

## ISO

### 1. [Audit Data Services proposed as new technical committee](#)

A proposal has been submitted to confirm the existing Project Committee ISO/PC 295 into a full Technical Committee on Audit Data Services.

The Technical Committee would focus on content specification as well as the collection, pre-processing, management and analysis techniques for the identification, communication, receipt, preparation and use of audit data.

Australia is currently not a member of ISO/PC 295.

For more information or to comment on this proposal, please email us at [sem@standards.org.au](mailto:sem@standards.org.au).

### 2. [Proposed new field of technical activity on Laboratory Design](#)

A new field of technical activity has been proposed to cover laboratory design.

Specifically, the committee would manage site selection and design planning, the functional division of experimental areas, the determination of scientific and technological processes, layouts and design of furniture, and the scientific design of the facility taking into account environmental conditions and impact.

Standards Australia is currently consulting with members of mirror committee BD-046, Laboratory Design and Construction, and CH-026, Safety in Laboratories, to shape an Australian view on this proposal.

However, we are interested to hear from other interested stakeholders. Please contact us at [sem@standards.org.au](mailto:sem@standards.org.au) with any comments or questions regarding this proposal.

### [3. Proposal for full Technical Committee for Sustainable Processes for Wood and Wood-Based Products](#)

A proposal has been submitted to confirm the existing Project Committee ISO/PC 287, Chain of custody of wood and wood-based products, into a full Technical Committee.

The new Technical Committee, ISO TC 287, Sustainable processes for wood and wood-based products, would manage standardisation in the field of wood and wood-based industries. This would include but not be limited to sustainability and renewability aspects, chain of custody, timber tracking and timber measurement, across the entire supply chain from biomass production to the finished wood and wood-based products.

Australia is currently an Observing Member of ISO/PC 287, via the accredited Standards Development Organisation *Responsible Wood*.

For more information or to comment on this proposal, please contact Stakeholder Engagement Manager Neidra Motha at [Neidra.Motha@standards.org.au](mailto:Neidra.Motha@standards.org.au).

### [4. New proposal to establish an ISO Project Committee on Sex toys](#)

A proposal to establish a new ISO project committee on “Sex toys — Design and safety requirements for products in direct contact with genitalia, the anus, or both” has been submitted by SIS (Sweden).

The proposed committee would manage safety and user information requirements relating to the materials and design for products intended for sexual use. This document covers only products that are intended to come in direct contact with genitals and/or the anus. This document is not primarily intended for products classified as medical devices or assistive products.

For more information or to comment on this proposal, please contact Stakeholder Engagement Manager Neidra Motha at [Neidra.Motha@standards.org.au](mailto:Neidra.Motha@standards.org.au).

## IEC

### [1. Measuring human exposure to 5G](#)

5G is the latest generation of mobile network technology. It promises greater capacity, as well as significantly faster download speeds than the current 4G networks.

“5G is set to revolutionize wireless communications and play a major role in our future connected society and facilitate the road towards a more advanced Internet of Things,” says Mike Wood, who chairs [IEC Technical Committee 106](#), which prepares international standards on measurement and

calculation methods to assess human exposure to electric, magnetic and electromagnetic fields. The members of TC 106 include global experts from mobile operators, mobile manufacturers, academia, government regulators and testing laboratories.

Learn more [here](#).

## 2. [How can IEC shape the circular economy?](#)

Within the IEC, the Advisory Committee on environmental aspects ([ACEA](#)), which provides guidance to the Standardization Management Board ([SMB](#)) on issues related to the environment, and [IEC Technical Committee 111](#), which develops horizontal standards related to environmental issues, are examining the requirements for the circular economy.

Learn more [here](#).