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## International

### 1. [Members review proposals on improving implementation of Technical Barriers to Trade Agreement](#)

At a meeting of the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) on 23-26 February 2021, WTO members discussed various proposals submitted under the Triennial Review of the TBT Agreement. The review aims at developing a set of recommendations by the Committee on how to improve the implementation of the Agreement. Members discussed 81 specific trade concerns, 20 of which were new concerns. Several of the new concerns address issues related to the environment, with a focus on energy consumption and labelling of electronic and electrical equipment.

Learn more [here](#).

### 2. [Panels established to review Indonesian, US trade measures](#)

WTO members agreed at a meeting of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) on 22 February 2021 to two requests for the establishment of dispute panels: one from the European Union regarding measures in Indonesia restricting exports of raw materials used in the production of stainless steel, and a second from Hong Kong, China regarding US origin marking requirements for goods produced in Hong Kong, China.

Learn more [here](#).

### 3. [History is made: Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala chosen as Director-General](#)

WTO members made history on 15 February 2021 when the General Council agreed by consensus to select Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala of Nigeria as the organization's seventh Director-General.

Learn more [here](#).

## ISO

### 1. [Chain of Custody: Proposal for a New Field of Technical Activity](#)

A proposal to establish a new ISO Technical Committee on *Chain of Custody* has been submitted by ISO/PC 308. Standards Australia invites stakeholders to share their views on the proposal to help inform the Australian position (feedback is requested **by 16 April 2021**).

The scope of the proposal is focused on Standardization in the field of Chain of Custody (CoC) for products and associated processes with specified characteristics, with the aim of ensuring that associated claims are reliable.

Chain of Custody is the process by which inputs and outputs and associated information are transferred, monitored and controlled as they move through each step in the relevant supply chain. Chain of Custody processes operate in parallel with regulatory process at borders and international financial transactions, all of which need to operate in close concert to ensure that supply chain actors meet regulatory, transparency and quality requirements.

To provide feedback or learn more about the proposal, please contact us at [sem@standards.org.au](mailto:sem@standards.org.au).

### 2. [Roofing and waterproofing building materials: Proposal for a New Field of Technical Activity](#)

A proposal to establish a new ISO Technical Committee on *Roofing and waterproofing building materials* has been submitted by GOST R (Russia). Standards Australia invites stakeholders to share their views on the proposal to help inform the Australian position (feedback is requested **by 28 April 2021**).

The scope of the proposal is focused on Standardization of materials and components used for roofs design and construction processes, as well as materials used for waterproofing in construction. The objective is to develop a basic set of foundation roofing materials international standards.

The work of the new ISO/TC in 2021-2022 shall focus on, but is not limited to the development of the following international standards:

- ISO "Roof constructions. Method for determining the resistance of flat roofs materials to dynamic walking loads (walkability)" – starting in 2021
- ISO "Roofing profiled metal sheets (metal tile). General specifications" – starting in 2022
- ISO "Waterproofing roll materials for building roofs. General specifications" – starting in 2022
- ISO "Waterproofing roll materials for building foundations and underground structures. General specifications" – starting in 2023
- ISO "Waterproofing membrane made of polyvinylchloride for building roofs. Specifications" – starting in 2023

To provide feedback or learn more about the proposal, please contact us at [sem@standards.org.au](mailto:sem@standards.org.au).

3. [Opportunity to review ISO/IEC Guide 17:2016 \*Guide for writing standards taking into account the needs of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises\*](#)

ISO/IEC Guide 17, *Guide for writing standards taking into account the needs of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises*, is undergoing a systematic review to ensure it remains up to date. Standards Australia is seeking input from Australian stakeholders on whether the standard should be revised, reconfirmed, or withdrawn (feedback is requested **by 25 May 2021**).

ISO/IEC Guide 17 provides direction to writers of standards on the needs of micro, small and medium- sized enterprises (SMEs) to avoid the exclusion of SMEs from the market and the distortion of fair competition.

Standards Australia will consider all feedback received from stakeholders when forming Australia's position on the systematic review. If you are interested in providing feedback please send an email to [international.participation@standards.org.au](mailto:international.participation@standards.org.au) for more information.

## IEC

### 1. [IEC begins process of selecting candidates for Lord Kelvin Award](#)

Members of the IEC community have been encouraged to nominate candidates (by 30 April 2021) for a Lord Kelvin Award. The prestigious prize recognizes exceptional and dedicated individual contributions to IEC standardization or conformity assessment work.

The Lord Kelvin Award is the highest honour in the global electrotechnology industry.

Australian IEC contributors are encouraged to submit any nominations for this award to the Australian National Committee, by emailing [clare.hobern@standards.org.au](mailto:clare.hobern@standards.org.au)

Learn more [here](#).

### 2. [Updates to Lighting Terminology](#)

With a view to bringing the terminology for lighting up to date, the IEC published a 190-page document just before the end of 2020. This massive endeavour involved close cooperation between the IEC and the International Commission for Illumination (CIE).

IEC 60050-845 was prepared jointly by IEC TC 34: Lighting, and the CIE under the guidance of IEC TC 1, which is responsible for the IEC Electropedia, also known as the International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV). It is completely harmonized with the second edition of the CIE standard CIE S 017:2020 ILV: International Lighting Vocabulary.

Learn more [here](#).