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## ANSI Congressional Standards Update

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### HEADLINES

Get caught up on the latest news from ANSI...

#### [Standards in the House: ANSI Heads to Capitol Hill for U.S. Celebration of World Standards Day Event](#)

Congressional staffers from both sides of the aisle came together in the Rayburn House Office Building on June 24 for a discussion on how standards and conformance help foster the technological innovations and safety measures that citizens rely upon every day.

#### [ISO Secretariat Announces Top Management Changes](#)

Rob Steele, ISO Secretary-General of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), has announced his departure from his position effective July 31, 2015. Kevin McKinley, currently ISO Deputy Secretary-General, has been appointed Acting Secretary-General as of August 1, 2015.

#### [Standards Alliance Brings Together ANSI Members and 15 Countries in Southern Africa for Exchange on Good Regulatory Practice](#)

ANSI recently partnered with USAID to carry out the "U.S.-Southern African Development Community Exchange on Good Regulatory Practice." A Standards Alliance activity, the exchange took place June 1-2 in Johannesburg, South Africa.

#### [ANSI President Discusses Standardization Reform in China During Meetings with Key Officials in Beijing](#)

ANSI president and CEO S. Joe Bhatia met with several top officials from Chinese entities in Beijing this month for a series of discussions and trade-related activities aimed at fostering greater U.S-China cooperation in standardization and conformity assessment.

#### [China's State Council Announces Establishment of Joint Conference on Standardization](#)

China's State Council announced the establishment of the "Inter-ministerial Joint Conference System of the State Council for Coordinating and Promoting Standardization." This change comes in the context of a larger push to reform China's standardization system, which ANSI is closely monitoring.

#### [Revisions to the 2015 ANSI International Procedures Available for Public Comment](#)

Proposed revisions to the 2015 ANSI International Procedures are available for public review and comment through July 20, 2015.

#### [ANSI Announces 2016 Call for Nominations for Policy and Other Committees](#)

ANSI invites all members of the ANSI Federation to recommend qualified candidates for membership on the Institute's policy and other committees. The three-year terms begin January 1, 2016, and conclude December 31, 2018. Nominations are due July 21.

#### [Register Now for Webinar on Operating Procedures of U.S. TAGs to ISO](#)

ANSI invites interested stakeholders to register for the webinar "The Operating Procedures of U.S. TAGs to ISO: Strengthening the U.S. voice in International Standardization," to be held July 16 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. EDT.

#### [World Accreditation Day Webinar Spotlights Industry Benefits of Accreditation](#)

A number of experts offered insights on this year's theme, "Accreditation: Supporting the Delivery of Health and Social Care." ANSI and the ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB) hosted the June 9 webinar, which helped recognize World Accreditation Day 2015.

### [People on the Move](#)

*People on the Move* spotlights trailblazers in standardization, highlighting their latest achievements, advancements, and contributions to the standards and conformance community. In this issue: ACI and ASME.

### [Did You Know?](#)

*Did You Know?* offers a quick look at the broad scope of activities underway within the ANSI Federation of members and partners, highlighting recent accomplishments and new resources related to standardization. In this issue: ABA, APA, EEI, NEI, NIST, and NFPA.

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## PUBLICATIONS

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### [Standards Action – July 3, 2015](#)

ANSI's key public review vehicle enables effective participation in the standards development process.

### [United States Standards Strategy \(USSS\) – Third Edition](#)

The *United States Standards Strategy* provides a framework that can be used by all interested parties to further advance trade issues, and a vision for the future of the U.S. standards system in today's globally competitive economy.

### [United States Conformity Assessment Principles \(USCAP\) – Third Edition](#)

The *United States Conformity Assessment Principles* document articulates the principles for U.S. conformity assessment activities that the consumer, buyers, sellers, regulators and other interested parties should be aware of to have confidence in the processes of providing conformity assessment, while avoiding the creation of unnecessary barriers to trade.

### [What Is ANSI?](#)

This user-friendly introduction to ANSI provides a brief overview of many of the Institute's programs and activities, with links to more detailed information.

Check out our other [publications](#) and [documents of interest](#).

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## CALENDAR

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### [World Standards Week 2015](#)

September 28 – October 2, 2015  
Washington, DC

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