**January 31, 2017**

ANSI Congressional Standards Update

*ANSI Congressional Standards Update* is a monthly, electronic newsletter produced and distributed free of charge to members of Congress and their staff by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). For a complete listing of ANSI news and events, please visit our website, [**ANSI Online >>>**](http://www.ansi.org/?&source=csu13117)

HEADLINES

Get caught up on the latest news from ANSI…

[**ANSI Names Mary Saunders as Vice President, Government Relations and Public Policy**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=7ccfdc36-5dca-401c-b969-5d75a4a2db74&source=csu13117)

ANSI, the coordinator of the U.S. voluntary standardization system, is pleased to announce that Mary Saunders will join ANSI as vice president, government relations and public policy, on March 1, 2017. She succeeds Scott Cooper, who retired from ANSI at the end of 2016.

[**Standards Alliance and Department of Commerce Organize Andean–Mexican Delegation Visit to the U.S.**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=53291cbd-88d6-445d-9345-4969adb992a8&source=csu13117)

The workshop was an opportunity to discuss how to reduce trade concerns as well as to ensure countries are able to meet their legitimate regulatory- and standards-related goals in the least trade-restrictive way.

[**ANSI Releases Sixth U.S. Version of Its ANSI in China Newsletter**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=4cca4436-47bc-407c-93ad-5ce93d62035e&source=csu13117)

The ANSI international policy department’s ANSI in China Newsletter is a resource for updates on technical activities, policy decisions, trade matters, and other information of interest to ANSI members operating in or interacting with China.

[**ANSI Launches Pilot Accreditation Program for Certification Bodies for the ANSI/LEO-4000 American National Standard for Sustainable Agriculture**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=24e9ac0b-fdb8-4daa-a172-f40e63099e6d&source=csu13117)

ANSI has been selected by Leonardo Academy to accredit certification bodies (CBs) that intend to operate certification programs in accordance with the ANSI/LEO-4000, American National Standard for Sustainable Agriculture.

[**NIST’s Ajit Jillavenkatesa, Ph.D., Approved as Chair of the ANSI-Accredited U.S. TAG to ISO TC 229, *Nanotechnologies***](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=18153465-197e-4443-a1ba-f076742fce22&source=csu13117)

Dr. Jillavenkatesa provides standards policy and related expertise and advice to leadership and staff at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), the Department of Commerce (DoC), other government agencies, and the private sector.

[**ANSI Seeks Comments on New ISO Field of Activity on Integrating a Business Excellence Framework with Management System Standards**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=44678205-bd0b-48f2-9f6b-467231529d65&csu13117)

ISO has circulated a proposal for a new field of activity on integrating a business excellence framework with management system standards. As the U.S. member body to ISO, ANSI invites all relevant and interested stakeholders to submit comments on the proposal by the end of the business day on **Friday, March 3, 2017.**

**[People on the Move](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=7b9fda0b-ae47-4470-ad13-9655449b2448&source=csu13117)**

*People on the Move* spotlights trailblazers in standardization, highlighting their latest achievements, advancements, and contributions to the standards and conformance community. In this issue: the Society of Cable Telecommunications (SCTE), and the Society for Maintenance and Reliability Professionals (SMRP).

[**Did You Know?**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story?menuid=7&articleid=a68fd212-d94a-464f-8a0f-7d1235a9ef96&source=csu13117)

*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: The Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers (SCTE), the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), the Vision Council, and UL.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Check us out on …

                       

PUBLICATIONS

Take advantage of more great information…

[**Standards Action – January 27, 2017**](https://share.ansi.org/Shared%20Documents/Standards%20Action/2017-PDFs/SAV4804.pdf)

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

[**United States Standards Strategy (USSS)**](https://share.ansi.org/shared%20documents/Standards%20Activities/NSSC/USSS_Third_edition/ANSI_USSS_2015.pdf?&source=csu13117) The *United States Standards Strategy* provides a framework to further advance trade and a vision for the future of the U.S. standards system in today’s globally competitive economy.

[**United States Conformity Assessment Principles (USCAP)**](https://share.ansi.org/shared%20documents/News%20and%20Publications/Brochures/USCAP%202011.pdf?&source=csu13117)
The *United States Conformity Assessment Principles* articulates how U.S. conformity assessment activities foster confidence while avoiding the creation of unnecessary barriers to trade.

[**2015 – 2016 Annual Report**](https://share.ansi.org/Shared%20Documents/News%20and%20Publications/Brochures/Annual%20Report%20Archive/ANSI_2015_16_Annual_Report.pdf)The 2016 annual report, *Collaborative Standardization Solutions for a Strong Nation and a Safer World,* provides a summary of recent work carried out by ANSI and its constituents in support of ANSI’s mission.

[**What Is ANSI?**](https://share.ansi.org/shared%20documents/News%20and%20Publications/Brochures/WhatIsANSI_brochure.pdf?&source=csu13117)This user-friendly introduction to ANSI provides a brief overview of many of the Institute’s ongoing programs and activities.

Check out our other[publications](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/periodicals/overview.aspx?menuid=7&source=csu13117)and[documents of interest](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/other_documents/other_doc.aspx?menuid=7&source=csu13117).

CALENDAR

Visit the [Events Section](http://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/online_calendar/events.aspx?menuid=8&source=csu13117) of ANSI Online regularly for complete event information.

You have received this message as a Congressional member or staff contact, or because you have requested a subscription to this newsletter.  If you wish to unsubscribe yourself from this list, please reply to this email (or to bgoodbaum@ansi.org) with the following text as the subject of the message:  UNSUBSCRIBE.

If you would like to subscribe additional persons to this publication, please reply to this email (or to bgoodbaum@ansi.org) with SUBSCRIBE as the subject of the message and the additional email address(es) in the body text of the e-mail.  We welcome your feedback on how we can improve this newsletter to better serve your needs.

ANSI’s Washington, DC-based government affairs staffstands ready to provide you any additional information that you may need about significant developments within the standardization community.  If you have any questions or comments, please contact Scott Cooper, ANSI vice president, government relations (scooper@ansi.org; 202-331-3610).

American National Standards Institute • 1899 L Street, NW, 11th Floor • Washington, DC • 20036