



United States
National Committee
of the IEC

USNC POLICY ON ADOPTION OF IEC STANDARDS AS AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS (ANS)

USNC Policy

It is the official policy of the USNC Council of the U S National Committee of IEC to encourage all USNC/IEC Technical Advisory Groups (USNC TAGs) to pursue the formal identical or modified adoption of the IEC standards under their jurisdiction as American National Standards where appropriate and where the interests of the related constituency are served. All national adoptions must be processed and approved as American National Standards.

Process

USNC TAGs that wish to pursue adoption of IEC standards as American National Standards are invited to consider the following:

- 1) All those who wish to adopt IEC standards are required to make their intentions known, in writing, to the USNC General Secretary requesting formal authorization.
- 2) According to the ANSI Policy Regarding Rights to Nationally Adopt IEC and ISO Standards or Otherwise Use IEC and ISO Material (the “ANSI Policy”), the USNC TAG Administrator with assigned jurisdiction over the IEC TC/SC which developed the related standard has the primary right of adoption and authorization can be granted expeditiously. The primary USNC TAG Administrator shall inform USNC General Secretary of its intent to share or assign its rights to another Accredited Standards Developer (ASD).
- 3) If the entity wishing to adopt is not the USNC TAG Administrator with assigned jurisdiction, the USNC General Secretary will transmit the request to the cognizant USNC TAG Administrator inviting them to consider assigning their right of adoption to the requesting entity. If they do, the authorization is transmitted and the adoption can proceed. If the cognizant USNC TAG Administrator declines to assign its rights, the requesting entity is so advised and the transaction is concluded.

- 4) If the responsible USNC TAG Administrator is not an ANSI Accredited Standards Developing Organization, an agreement between the USNC TAG Administrator and such an ASD must be executed. The adoption will then be processed by the appropriate ASD.
- 5) The ANSI Policy requires that a license agreement be signed by the responsible USNC TAG Administrator or assigned ASD with ANSI prior to the final approval by the Institute of the related standard as an American National Standard.
- 6) If an ASD previously developed a standard which is later adopted by IEC and the resulting IEC document is identical to the ASD's standard or is a derivative work thereof, then that ASD shall have the rights to the IEC document for purposes of national adoptions and under conditions listed in the attached ANSI Policy.

7) Once authorization has been granted, the cognizant ASD may proceed to process the IEC standard in accordance with the ANSI accredited procedures.

8) Those desiring to reproduce or utilize a portion of an IEC standard are invited to send their request to the USNC General Secretary clearly outlining the intended purpose for which the excerpt of the standard will be used and the specific portion of the standard they wish to excerpt. After investigation and, if appropriate, authorization will be transmitted in writing. Royalties may be required.

9) Inquiries on adopting IEC standards or any questions can be directed to:

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Reference Documents

[ANSI Policy Regarding Rights to Nationally Adopt IEC and ISO Standards or Otherwise Use IEC and ISO Material](#)

[ANSI Procedures for the National Adoption of ISO and IEC Standards as American National Standards](#)