

Advances in Measuring the Impact of Voluntary Consensus Standards on Health and Safety

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Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Stakeholder Motivations
- Key Concepts
- Case Study
- Panel Discussion including Q&A

Stakeholder Motivations



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Stakeholder Motivations

- Different stakeholders may have different priorities when assessing impact
- For the results to be accepted by all stakeholders, the assessment must meet all these multiple priorities
- Engaging stakeholders in the process early on, and keeping them engaged throughout, is critical to addressing these multiple priorities

Key Concepts



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A Working Definition of Impact

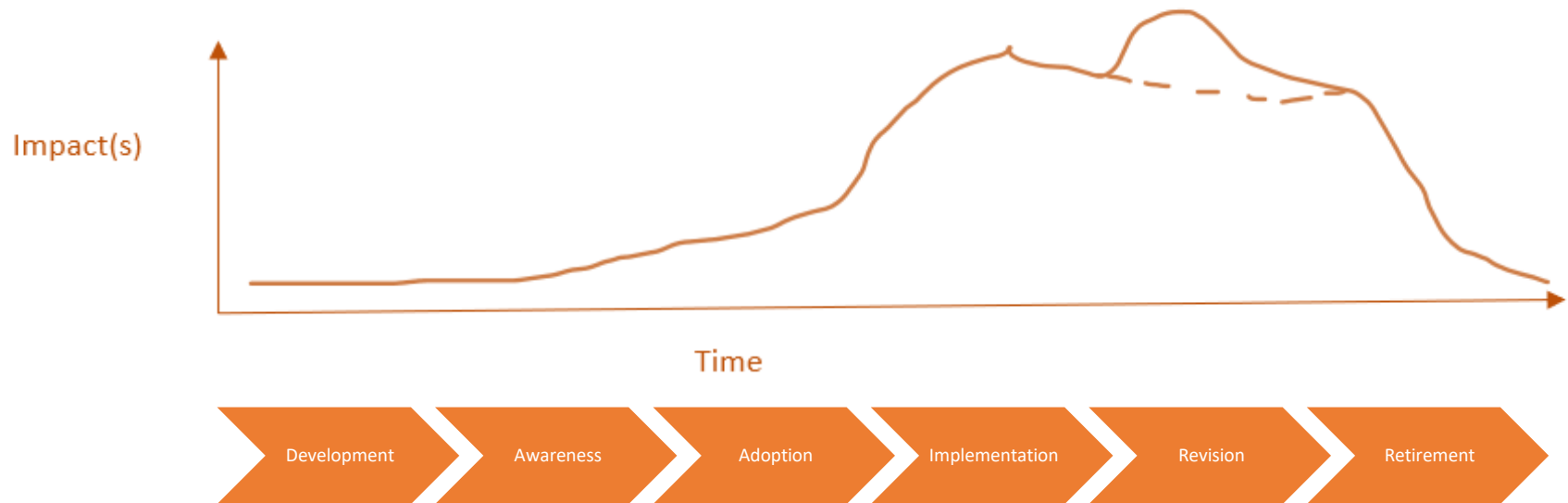
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Impact

Effectiveness

Conformance

The Impact Curve



When Assessing Effectiveness, Remember...



Incident data is limited



It is difficult to attribute effects to the standard

Conformance

Working definition - an attestation that products, systems, services, and processes “in the hands of the end users” meet the specified requirements of the standard.

- *Users of the standard are not considered end users!*
- Non-dimensional from 0 to 1 (or 0% to 100%) and is made up of a series of factors
 - **Conformance motivation** – Why does the manufacturer want to meet the standard? Is it mandated? Required by industry? Because the manufacturer believes it is the right thing to do?
 - **Conformance assurance** – How is conformance assured? Is it inspected regularly and by who? Is a third party certifying to it? Is the manufacturer self-certifying?
 - **Knowledge and abilities of those involved** – Are people involved knowledgeable and do they have the time to thoroughly review the standard? Pertains specifically to assurance, but anywhere where people are involved.
 - **Product lifetime** – Is time dependent. How long does it take for the end user to get a conforming product in their possession? Some products have short lifetimes and are replaced frequently; others take a long time to be replaced.
 - **Other factors**
 - It is up to the industry to weight each factor high, medium, or low. This may greatly vary based on industries

Case Study

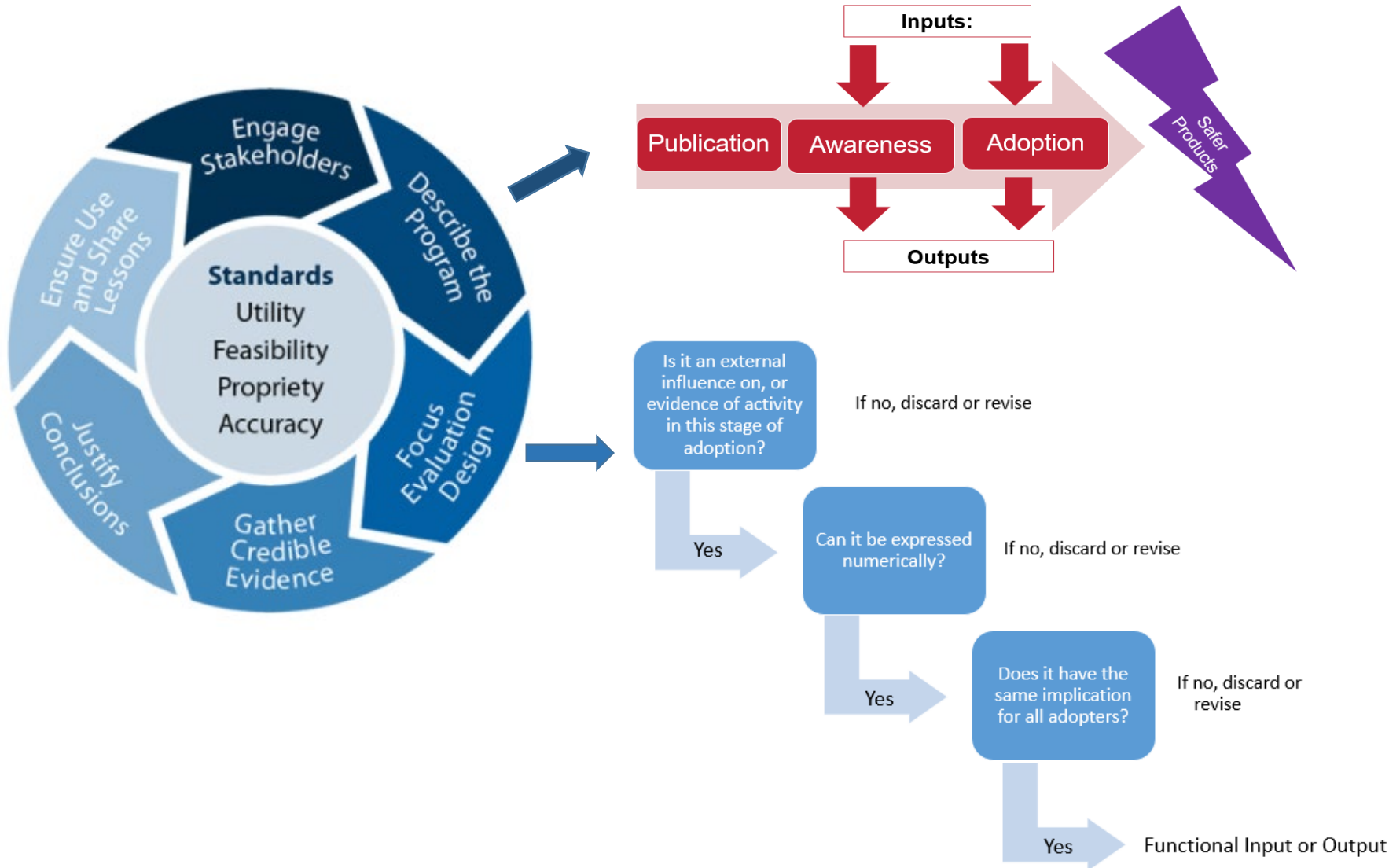


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Assessing the Health and Safety Impacts of UL 325



Discussion



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