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## ANSI Congressional Standards Update

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### HEADLINES

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

#### [OFAC Issues Further Confirmation of Its 2012 Guidance on U.S. Participation in ISO and IEC Standards Development](#)

On July 22, 2016, ANSI received written clarification from the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) confirming that international standards development activities do not violate OFAC's Iran sanctions regulations.

#### [International Trade Administration Report Highlights Standards and Regulations and the Link to Global Trade](#)

A new report by the Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration (ITA) found that 92 percent of U.S. goods exports in 2015 – or \$1.3 trillion – was potentially affected by foreign technical regulations that could have significant trade impact.

#### [ANSI Standards Portal among the Successes Highlighted at U.S.-Brazil Commercial Dialogue Briefing on Bilateral Cooperation](#)

On June 29, ANSI presented a brief overview of the U.S.-Brazil Standards Portal as part of the U.S.–Brazil Commercial Dialogue Debrief at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The addition of the Brazilian section to the portal was highlighted as one concrete outcome of the ongoing bilateral cooperation.

#### [August 17 ANSI Cities Network Webinar Focuses on USGBC PEER Certification Program](#)

The monthly webinar of the ANSI Network on Smart and Sustainable Cities (ANSSC) will feature a report on the Performance Excellence in Electricity Renewal (PEER) certification program of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). The featured speaker will be Ryan Franks, power systems and infrastructure specialist, USGBC.

#### [Call for Applications: ISO Is Seeking a New Secretary-General](#)

As the U.S. member body to ISO, ANSI urges relevant stakeholders to consider this opportunity. ISO has published details on the role's two key functions: Secretary-General of the organization and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Central Secretariat (ISO/CS) of the Organization.

#### [International Workshop on Next Generation Toilets Launches in Singapore](#)

ANSI, with support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, held a recent International Workshop Agreement (IWA) meeting on sustainable non-sewered sanitation systems. The workshop is intended to facilitate the development of a globally relevant consensus standard for safer, cleaner reinvented toilets, with its anticipated publication in September.

#### [IEC Formally Adopts USB Type-C™, USB Power Delivery and USB 3.1 Specifications](#)

The IEC and USB Implementers Forum (USB-IF) recently announced that the IEC has formally adopted USB Type-C™, USB Power Delivery, and USB 3.1 specifications. The specifications define a truly single-cable solution for audio/video, data, and power delivery.

#### [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: the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI).

### [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: NIST, Project Management Institute (PMI), SES-The Society for Standards Professionals, and Rubber Manufacturers Association (RMA).

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## PUBLICATIONS

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### [Standards Action – July 29, 2016](#)

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

### [United States Standards Strategy \(USSS\)](#)

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 \(USCAP\)](#)

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.

### [ANSI 2014-2015 Annual Report](#)

This year's annual report, *A Window on the Standardization Initiatives Making the World a Safer, Better Place*, informs stakeholders of ANSI's key initiatives and accomplishments over the past year. It also documents financial activities of the Institute during 2014.

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

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## CALENDAR

Visit the [Events Section](#) of ANSI Online regularly for complete event information.

### [World Standards Week \(WSW\) 2016](#)

October 24-28, 2016, Washington, DC

## [U.S. Celebration of World Standards Day \(WSD\) 2016](#)

October 27, 2016, Washington, DC

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