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What’s New?

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HEADLINES

A summary of this issue’s top stories…



**[Click here to find out how standards play a key role in assuring a joyful season!](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/News%20and%20Publications/Other%20Documents/holidaystandards.pdf?&source=whatsnew121911)**

[**Transatlantic Market Conference Report Underscores Importance of Standards to Trade and Innovation**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3098&source=whatsnew121911)

The final report from the recent Fifth Transatlantic Market Conference: *Transatlantic Cooperation for Growth and Security* is now available. The conference was organized by DIN in partnership with ANSI, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the German American Chamber of Commerce, and the Dräger Foundation.
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[**Nuclear Energy Standards Coordination Collaborative Examines Standards Needed for U.S. Nuclear Industry**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3096&source=whatsnew121911)

The standards needed to facilitate the growth and development the U.S. nuclear industry took center stage at a recent meeting of the Nuclear Energy Standards Coordination Collaborative (NESCC) – a joint initiative of ANSI and NIST.
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[**American National Standard for Biometric Data Supports Criminal Justice Efforts**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3100&source=whatsnew121911)

NIST has published a revised American National Standard for biometric data that vastly expands the type and amount of information forensic scientists can share across their international networks to identify victims or solve crimes.
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[**Is That Reindeer I Hear? Standards Help Track Santa This Season**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3095&source=whatsnew121911)

Standards from the U.S. voluntary standards community can perhaps lend a helping hand as the North American Aerospace Defense Command tracks Santa and his reindeer on Christmas Eve.
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[**Deck the Halls: ANSI Revises a Holiday Standard**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3097&source=whatsnew121911)

ANSI celebrates the season with a holiday tribute to some of the wide-ranging voluntary standards from the standardization community.
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[**People on the Move**](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3099&source=whatsnew121911)

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

SOCIAL MEDIA

ANSI actively participates in a number of social media websites, making pertinent information about events and initiatives readily accessible and providing a place of discussion for the U.S. standardization community.

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PUBLIC POLICY

*Federal Register* notices of potential interest …

[Standards and Trade Related Notices from the U.S. Federal Register, December 13 – December 19, 2011](http://publicsp.ansi.org:8080/sites/apdl/Documents/Government%20Affairs/Federal%20Register%20Notices/Standards%20_%20CA%20Notices/2011/12%2019%2011.pdf?&source=whatsnew121911)

[National Cooperative Research and Production Act Notices from the U.S. Federal Register, November 1 – December 12, 2011](http://publicsp.ansi.org:8080/sites/apdl/Documents/Government%20Affairs/Federal%20Register%20Notices/NCRP%20Notices/2011/NCRPNotices%2012-12-11.pdf?&source=whatsnew121911)

PUBLICATIONS

Take advantage of more great information…

[***Standards Action – December 16, 2011***](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Standards%20Action/2011%20PDFs/SAV4250.pdf?&source=whatsnew121911)The latest issue of ANSI’s key public review vehicle.

[***United States Standards Strategy* (USSS) *– Third Edition***](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Standards%20Activities/NSSC/USSS_Third_edition/USSS%202010-sm.pdf?&source=whatsnew121911)
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.[***2010-2011 Annual Report***](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/News%20and%20Publications/Brochures/Annual%20Report%20Archive/ANSI_2010_11_AnnualReport.pdf?&source=whatsnew121911)
This year's annual report, *Standardization – Paving the Road to Innovation*, describes how ANSI and its Federation of members have continued to use the power of collaboration to develop solutions for economic growth, innovation, and global priorities, fortifying the U.S. marketplace position in the global economy through standards-based solutions to national and global priorities.

Check out our other[publications](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/periodicals/overview.aspx?menuid=7&source=whatsnew121911)and[documents of interest](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/other_documents/ther_doc.aspx?menuid=7&source=whatsnew121911).

CALENDAR

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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[**New on StandardsLearn.org: Standardization Case Studies**](http://www.standardslearn.org/standardization_case_studies.aspx?&source=whatsnew121911)

From radiation detection to quality drinking water, a wide variety of topics are addressed by these case studies, where standardization – either the concept or actual practice – helped in the resolution of real-world problems. Instructors can use these case studies as a vehicle to stimulate class discussion of standardization in their discipline, along with the economic and/or operational consequences of addressing or not addressing the issues or needs.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

As a service to our members and constituents in the U.S. standards and conformity assessment community, ANSI provides an [online network](http://www.ansi.org/career_opportunities/positions_available/position_available.aspx?menuid=13&source=whatsnew?&source=whatsnew121911) connecting the most progressive companies with the most qualified career-minded individuals.

Openings are frequently available in ANSI’s New York and Washington, DC, offices. For more information or to submit your qualifications, visit the [Career Opportunities Section](http://www.ansi.org/career_opportunities/positions_available/position_available.aspx?menuid=13&source=whatsnew?&source=whatsnew121911) of ANSI Online.

STORE

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Learn more about this issue’s featured package:

[**ANSI/AAMI/ISO 11137 - Sterilization of Health Care Products Package**](http://webstore.ansi.org/RecordDetail.aspx?sku=ANSI%2fAAMI%2fISO+11137+-+Sterilization+of+Health+Care+Products+Package&source=whatsnew121911)
This package provides requirements for developing, validating, and controlling the sterilization process of medical devices. This package also considers the product environment, personnel, and their hygiene, packaging / storage, sterilization doses, and more to inactivate microbiological contaminants on medical devices.

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