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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)**

[**ANSI January Caucus to Feature DOC’s Ari Schwartz**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3104&source=whatsnew122711)

The January ANSI Caucus will be held on Friday, January 6, 2012, and will feature Ari Schwartz, senior policy advisor to U.S. Commerce Secretary John Bryson and an expert in Internet security, privacy, and standards.
[more...](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3104&source=whatsnew122711)

[**FCC Seeks Public Comments on Wireless Hearing Aid Compatibility Rules**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3102&source=whatsnew122711)

The FCC is seeking public comment on revisions to FCC rules for wireless communications devices that would adopt the recently updated American National Standard for hearing aid compatibility.
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[**ANSI Welcomes New Members**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3101&source=whatsnew122711)

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) proudly welcomed seventeen new members in December 2011.
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[**Over the River and through the Crowds: Standards Help Keep Travelers Safe and in the Spirit This Season**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3105&source=whatsnew122711)

Nearly 100 million Americans will take trips of at least 50 miles from home this holiday season. Whether via road, sky, or frozen tundra, travelers can make their journeys with safety and ease thanks to the solutions the voluntary standardization community delivers.
[more...](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3105&source=whatsnew122711)

**Voluntary Standards** [**Cover**](https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?admin=1&articleid=3103&source=whatsnew122711) **the Spectrum: from Floor Cleaning to Manure Storage**

In an effort to communicate the vital role that standards play in daily life, ANSI publishes a series of snapshots of the diverse standards initiatives undertaken in the global and national standards arena, many of which are performed by ANSI members and ANSI-accredited standards developers. In this issue: Clean Floor Coverings and Manure Storage.
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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 20 – December 29, 2011](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Government%20Affairs/Federal%20Register%20Notices/Standards%20_%20CA%20Notices/2011/12%2027%2011.pdf)

[National Cooperative Research and Production Act Notices from the U.S. Federal Register, November 1 – December 27, 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 23, 2011***](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Standards%20Action/2011%20PDFs/SAV4251.pdf)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).

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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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