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American National Standards

Call for comment on proposals listed

This section solicits public comments on proposed draft new American National Standards, including the national adoption of ISO and IEC standards as American National Standards, and on proposals to revise, reaffirm or withdraw approval of existing American National Standards. A draft standard is listed in this section under the ANSI-accredited standards developer (ASD) that sponsors it and from whom a copy may be obtained. Comments in connection with a draft American National Standard must be submitted in writing to the ASD no later than the last day of the comment period specified herein. Such comments shall be specific to the section(s) of the standard under review and include sufficient detail so as to enable the reader to understand the commenter’s position, concerns and suggested alternative language, if appropriate. Please note that the ANSI Executive Standards Council (ExSC) has determined that an ASD has the right to require that interested parties submit public review comments electronically.

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▲ Standard for consumer products
Comment Deadline: February 23, 2004

ASA (ASC S1) (Acoustical Society of America)

New Standards

BSR S1.15, Part 2-200x, Measurement Microphones - Part 2: Primary Method for Pressure Calibration of Laboratory Standard Microphones by the Reciprocity Technique (new standard)

Specifies a primary method for the calibration of microphones by the reciprocity technique. The specifications are intended to ensure that primary calibration with the reciprocity technique can attain the highest accuracy. The technical requirement of this American National Standard is identical to International Standard IEC 61094-2:1992. Various improvements have been made to include recent technical information.

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Withdrawals

ANSI S1.10-1966 (R2001), Calibration of Microphones (withdrawal of ANSI S1.10-1966 (R2001))

Methods are described for performing absolute and comparison calibration of laboratory standard microphones specified in American Standard Specification for Laboratory Standard Pressure Microphones, Z24.8-1949. Absolute calibration is based upon the reciprocity principle. Techniques for performing pressure (coupler), free field, and random field calibrations are described, including experimental procedures. The free-field and random-field calibration techniques may also be used for calibration microphones not described in American Standard Z24.8-1949.

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ITI (INCITS)

New Standards

BSR/INCITS 383-200x, Information technology - Biometric Profile - Interoperability and Data Interchange - Biometrics-Based Verification and Identification of Transportation Workers (new standard)

This ANSI/INCITS Standard specifies the application profile in support of identification and verification of Transportation workers, through the use of Biometric data collected during, at local access points (i.e. doors or other controlled entrances) and across local boundaries within the defined area of control.

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NCCLS (National Committee for Clinical Laboratory Standards)

Revisions


This standard provides reference methods for the determination of minimal inhibitory concentrations (MICs) of anaerobic bacteria by broth macrodilution, broth dilution, and agar dilution.

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SCTE (Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers)

New Standards

BSR/SCTE 85-4-200x, HMS Common Inside Plant Management Information Base (MIB) SCTE-HMS-HE-OPTICAL-SWITCH-MIB (new standard)

This document provides MIB definitions for HMS optical switch equipment present in the headend (or indoor) and is supported by an SNMP agent.

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TCIA (ASC A300) (Tree Care Industry Association)

New Standards

BSR A300 (Part 6)-200x, Tree Care Operations - Tree, Shrub, and Other Woody Plant Maintenance - Standard Practices (Transplanting) (new standard)

ANSI A300 provides performance standards for the care and maintenance of trees, shrubs, and other woody plants. BSR A300 (Part 6) provides standards specific to transplanting operations. ANSI A300 standards are intended as guides for federal, state, municipal, and private authorities including property owners, property managers, and utilities in the drafting of their maintenance specifications.

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TIA (Telecommunications Industry Association)

Revisions

BSR/TIA 470-110-C-200x, Telecommunications - Telephone Terminal Equipment - Handset Acoustic Performance Requirements for Analog Terminals (revision and redesignation of ANSI/TIA 470-B-1997)

This standard provides handset acoustic performance requirements for Customer Premises Equipment (CPE) intended for wireline connection to the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN).

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BSR/TIA 470.210-C-200x, Telecommunications - Telephone Terminal Equipment - Resistance and Impedance Performance Requirements (revise and partition ANSI/TIA 470-B-1997)

This document establishes criteria and procedures for evaluating the resistance and impedance performance of analog terminals.

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UL (Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.)

Revisions


The following items are subject to comment:
1. Addition of the Supplemental Voltage Surge Immunity Test;
2. New Requirements for Reverse Line-Load Miswire Test - Power Denial if Miswired (Line Terminals);
3. New Requirements for Abnormal Overvoltage Tests;
4. Revision of Requirements for Leakage-Current Detector-Interrupters and Cord Arc-Fault Circuit-Interrupters;
5. Revision of the Requirements for the Resistance to Environmental Noise Test;
6. Revision of the Requirements for the Masking the Signal to Operate Test;
7. Revision of the Scope of the Standard;
8. Revision of the Requirements for the Operation Inhibition Tests; and
9. Addition to the General Requirements for Branch/Feeder Arc-Fault Circuit-Interrupters.

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Comment Deadline: March 9, 2004

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AWWA (American Water Works Association)

New Standards

BSR/AWWA G200-200x, Distribution Systems Operation and Management (new standard)

This standard describes the critical requirements for the effective operation and management of drinking water distribution systems.

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Correction

BSR/HL7 V3 CR, R1-200x

BSR/HL7 V3 CR, R1-200x was mistakenly listed for comment in the December 26, 2003 edition of Standards Action.

The comment period for this standards project actually ended on November 17, 2003. Please disregard this additional public review listing. Please send any inquiries to: Karen Van Hentenryck, HL7; karenvan@hl7.org.
The addresses listed in this section are to be used in conjunction with standards listed in Call for Comment. This section is a list of developers who have submitted standards for public review in this issue of Standards Action – it is not intended to be a list of all ANSI developers. Please send all address corrections to: Standards Action Editor, American National Standards Institute, 25 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036 or standact@ansi.org.

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Final actions on American National Standards

The standards actions listed below have been approved by the ANSI Board of Standards Review (BSR) or by an ANSI-Audited Designator, as applicable.

AAMI (Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation)

Revisions

ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers)

Revisions

ASTM (ASTM International)

New Standards

Reaffirmations

Revisions

Revisions
NSAA (ASC B77) (National Ski Areas Assc.)

New Standards

NSF (NSF International)

Revisions

SCTE (Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers)

New Standards

Revisions
Announcement of Procedural Revisions
Comment Deadline: February 9, 2004

Comments with regard to this proposed revision should be submitted to psa@ansi.org or via fax to the Recording Secretary of the ANSI Executive Standards Council (ExSC) at 212-840-2298. If possible, please submit comments by February 9, 2004. (If possible, please submit comments by January 30, 2004, as the ExSC meets on February 5th.) Mailed comments should be sent to ANSI, ExSC Recording Secretary, 25 West 43 Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036.
This proposed revision to the ANSI Essential Requirements: Due process requirements for American National Standards is recommended by the ANSI Patent Group to reflect the permissibility of the inclusion in an American National Standard of trademarks owned by non-profit organizations. This proposed revision is consistent with the proposal submitted by the ANSI OMF in 2003 that resulted in limited revisions to this section.

ExSC 6330

3.2 Commercial names, terms and conditions

Provisions involving business relations between buyer and seller such as guarantees, warranties, and other commercial terms and conditions shall not be included in an American National Standard. The appearance that a standard endorses any particular products, services or companies must be avoided. Therefore, it generally is not acceptable to include manufacturer lists, service provider lists, or similar material in the text of a standard or in an annex (or the equivalent). Where a sole source exists for essential equipment, materials or services necessary to determine compliance with the standard, it is permissible to supply the name and address of the source in a footnote or informative annex as long as the words “or the equivalent” are added to the reference. In connection with standards that relate to the determination of whether products or services conform to one or more standards, the process or criteria for determining conformity can be standardized as long as the description of the process or criteria is limited to technical and engineering concerns and does not include what would otherwise be a commercial term.

Generally it is not acceptable to include proper names or trademarks of specific companies, products or services in the text of a standard or in an annex (or the equivalent). However, for example it is permissible to include trademarks owned by non-profit standards-related organizations (including, but not limited to, designations of referenced standards).
Proposed Foreign Government Regulations

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NCSCI serves as the U.S. WTO TBT inquiry point and receives copies of all notifications, in English, to disseminate to U.S. industry. To obtain copies of the full text of the regulations or for further information, contact NCSCI, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2160, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2160; telephone (301) 975-4040; fax (301) 926-1559, e-mail - ncsci@nist.gov.

NCSCI will also request an extension of the comment period and transmit comments to the issuing foreign agency for consideration.
Information Concerning ANSI Accredited Standards Developers

Application for Accreditation
Portland Cement Association (PCA)

Comment Deadline: February 9, 2004

The Portland Cement Association (PCA) has submitted an Application for Accreditation as a Developer of American National Standards using its own organizational operating procedures. PCA's proposed scope of accreditation is as follows:

Design and construction of assemblies using cement, Cement-based and associated products.

To obtain a copy of PCA's proposed operating procedures, or to offer comments, please contact: Ms. Karalin Derencius, Administrative Assistant, Portland Cement Association, 5420 Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077; PHONE: (847) 972-9024; FAX: (847) 966-8389; E-mail: kderencius@cement.org. Please submit your comments to the PCA by February 9, 2004, with a copy to the Recording Secretary, ExSC in ANSI's New York Office (FAX: (212) 840-2298; E-mail: Jthompso@ANSI.org). As the proposed procedures are available electronically, the public review period is 30 days. You may view or download a copy of PCA's proposed operating procedures from ANSI Online during the public review period at the following URL: http://public.ansi.org/ansonline/Documents/Standards%20Activities/Public%20Review%20and%20Comment/Accreditations/Accreditations/.