

4.7.2 Continuous maintenance of American National Standards

Continuous maintenance is defined as the maintenance of a standard by consideration of recommended changes to any part of it according to a documented schedule for consideration and action by the consensus body. The standard shall be maintained by an accredited standards developer. A documented program for periodic publication of revisions shall be established by the standards developer. Processing of these revisions shall be in accordance with these procedures. The published standard shall include a clear statement of the intent to consider requests for change and information on the submittal of such requests. Procedures shall be established for timely, documented consensus action on each request for change and no portion of the standard shall be excluded from the revision process. In the event that no revisions are issued-approved for a period of four ten years, and the ANS has not been reaffirmed, the ANS approval automatically expires on the tenth anniversary date of its approval as an ANS. action to revise, reaffirm, or withdraw the standard shall be initiated in accordance with the procedures contained _____ herein.

~~In the event that a BSR-8/108 has not been submitted for an American National Standard under continuous maintenance within five years of its approval:~~

- ~~• a standards developer that does not hold the status of Audited Designator may request an extension, but shall then maintain the ANS under periodic maintenance; or~~
- ~~• a standards developer that holds the status of Audited Designator is not required to request an extension, but shall notify ANSI in a timely manner (or within thirty days following five years after the approval date of the ANS) that the ANS will be removed from continuous maintenance and maintained under periodic maintenance.~~