



## TIPS AND TECHNIQUES FOR ANSI-ACCREDITED STANDARDS DEVELOPERS: SELF-AUDITS

### COMPLIANCE REFERENCE GUIDE *ANSI Essential Requirements (2022 edition)*

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### Self-audits by ANSI-Accredited Standards Developers (ASDs)

ANSI-Accredited Standards Developers may find it useful to conduct self-audits. The purpose of self-audits is to permit an accredited standards developer to identify areas where improvement and increased efficiencies are possible. They also provide an opportunity to identify any areas where policies or procedures may not be in conformance with the *ANSI Essential Requirements*. The results of any self-audit are not required to be submitted to the ExSC for review. In addition, accredited standards developers are not required to use Annex B of the ANSI Audit Policy and Procedures (excerpted below) in conducting self-audits. However, it is a useful tool for those who wish to use it.

Self-audits should involve a review of the operations of the ANSI Accredited Standards Developer as they relate to standards development and associated activities, including continuity of administrative oversight and support of its standards activities. A sampling of operations and documents should be used to obtain a representative review.

Audits should take into consideration the practices and actions, records, and reports of the Accredited Standards Developer in implementing its operating procedures to comply with ANSI.

In connection with self-audits, it is recommended that individuals selected to serve as auditors should be experienced in, and have knowledge of, the voluntary consensus standards system including ANSI criteria for accreditation, due process and consensus. In order to avoid any real or apparent conflict of interest, individuals serving as auditors preferably should not be directly involved in the standards work of the standards developer, either as a volunteer or as a staff member.

Informative Annex  
**Annex B – ANSI reporting format**

This audit applies only to ANSI requirements relative to proposed and approved American National Standards and Technical Reports registered with ANSI processed by the ANSI Accredited Standards Developer being audited.

Name of Accredited Standards Developer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Accreditation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Last Reaccreditation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date(s) of Audit: \_\_\_\_\_

Responses to the questions below, and explanations where necessary, must be based on evidence found during the audit. Such evidence should substantiate the answer (and explanation) given.

**1 Procedures governing the development of evidence of consensus for approval, revision, reaffirmation, or withdrawal of standards as American National Standards.**

**1.1** Have your procedures been revised since the date of initial accreditation or last reaccreditation? (4.1.1(b) and 4.1.3)<sup>1</sup>  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**1.1.1** If yes, have the revised procedures been formally transmitted to ANSI? (4.1.1(b) and 4.1.3) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**1.1.1.1** If yes, is there documentation verifying this transmittal? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**1.1.1.2** If no, what is the explanation?

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<sup>1</sup> All numerical references within this annex are to the *ANSI Essential Requirements: Due Process requirements for American National Standards*, January 2022 edition.

- 1.2** Are the current procedures transmitted to new participants, as well as to officers of the consensus body? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
- 1.2.1** If yes, how and by whom?
- 1.2.2** If no, what is the explanation?
- 1.3** Are the procedures readily available to any interested person? (1.9) Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
- 1.3.1** If yes, how are they made available?
- 1.3.2** If no, what is the explanation?
- 1.4** Are the names, affiliations, and interest categories of the consensus body members available to interested parties upon request? (2.1) Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
- 1.4.1** If no, what is the explanation?
- 1.5** Are the interest categories discretely defined? (2.3) Do they cover all directly and materially interested parties and differentiate each category from the other categories? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
- 1.5.1** If no, what is the explanation?
- 1.5.2** Are the interest categories and definitions available upon request? (2.3) Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
- 1.5.3** If they are not available upon request, what is the explanation?
- 1.6** Do your procedures state specifically how consensus will be determined? (2.7) Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
- 1.6.1** If so, please state the numerical requirements required to achieve consensus and cite the relevant section of your procedures.

- 1.7** Does your organization intend to utilize the expedited procedures for the national adoption of an ISO or IEC standard as an ANS? Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_
- 1.7.1** If yes, has a provision or notification to this effect been included in your organization's accredited procedures? (see *ANSI Procedures for the National Adoption of ISO and IEC Standards as American National Standards* – [www.ansi.org/nationaladoption](http://www.ansi.org/nationaladoption)) Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_
- 1.7.1.1** If yes, please cite the relevant section of your procedures.
- 1.8** Do the procedures address the withdrawal of American National Standards? (4.2.1.3) Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_
- 1.8.1** If yes, please cite the relevant sections of your procedures.
- 1.9** Do the procedures address the discontinuance of a standards project including the appropriate notification to ANSI? (4.2.1.3.3) Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_
- 1.9.1** If yes, please cite the relevant sections of your procedures.

## **2 Administrative oversight and support of standards activities**

- 2.1** Is there a supervisory body that reviews standards development activities and progress? Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_
- 2.1.1** If yes, what is the name of that body?
- 2.1.2** If no, what, if any, mechanism exists to review the standards development activities and progress?
- 2.2** Is participation monitored for each of the following: openness, dominance, balance, level of activity, and interest classification? (4.1.1.c(1)) Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_
- 2.2.1** If yes, how and by whom?
- 2.2.2** If no, what is the explanation?

- 2.3** Are administrative functions (such as handling requests to participate, preparation and distribution of minutes, letter ballots and draft standards, responses to comments, record keeping, etc.) being handled effectively? (4.1.1.c(1)) Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_
- 2.3.1** If no, what is the explanation?
- 2.4** Are there written internal administrative procedures for handling requests to participate, preparation and distribution of minutes, letter ballots and draft standards, responses to comments, record keeping, etc.? Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_
- 2.4.1** If no, what is the explanation?
- 2.5** Is there a readily available and identifiable source within the accredited standards developer to obtain additional information on any standards activity intended to result in an ANS? Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_
- 2.5.1** If yes, who is that source?
- 2.5.2** If no, what is the explanation?
- 2.6** Are responsible parties within the accredited standards developer knowledgeable of ANSI requirements for openness, due process, project notification requirements, etc.? Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_
- 2.6.1** If yes, who are the responsible parties?
- 2.6.2** If no, what is the explanation?
- 2.6.3** What staff training on the ANSI requirements is available (i.e., ANSI training courses, webinars, etc.)?
- 2.6.4** If training is available, do the training materials contain the current policies and procedures? Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_
- 2.6.5** If training is available, who normally provides the staff training?
- 2.6.6** If training is available, who normally provides the volunteer training?
- 2.6.7** If training for officers (and other members) is available, is it optional or required?
- 2.6.8** If training is required, how is this requirement enforced?

### 3 Evidence (Records) of compliance with ANSI due process requirements

3.1 How are records of standards activities and compliance with ANSI requirements prepared and maintained?

3.1.1 Where are the records kept and by whom?

3.1.2 How long are standards-related records maintained?

3.2 Is there a record retention (evidence of compliance) policy that provides for retention of evidence of compliance with the *ANSI Essential Requirements* for a period of time after approval of new, revised, reaffirmed, or withdrawn American National Standards? (3.4) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

3.2.1 If yes, please cite relevant section of your procedures or reference and provide the document that contains your policy.

3.2.2 If no, what is the explanation?

3.3 Is there compliance with record retention policies? (3.4) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

3.3.1 If no, what is the explanation?

3.4 How is the record retention policy made available to staff or other interested parties?

3.5 Is a membership record for each member of the consensus body (and other related standards development bodies) maintained? (e.g., additions, deletions, suspensions, removals, and outreach efforts) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

3.5.1 If no, what is the explanation?

3.5.2 If yes, does this record include invitations and replies from directly and materially interested parties? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

3.5.3 If yes, does this record include membership requests from directly and materially interested parties and replies from the accredited standards developer? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**3.6** Are minutes (meeting reports) of all bodies relevant to the ANS process maintained? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

**3.6.1** If no, what is the explanation?

**3.6.2** If yes, are the minutes of meetings sufficiently detailed, including, for example, responses to comments that may have been discussed? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

**3.6.2.1** If no, what is the explanation?

**3.7** Are records for each letter ballot issued to the consensus body (and other relevant bodies) maintained? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

**3.7.1** If no, what is the explanation?

**3.7.2** If yes, do these records contain the receipt and disposition of each comment and negative ballot submitted? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

**3.7.2.1** If no, what is the explanation?

#### **4 Cooperation and communication with ANSI**

**4.1** When, in the standards development process, are PINS forms reporting standards activities submitted to ANSI? (2.5, 4.1.1.c(5), 4.3, 5.2.d)

**4.2** Are PINS forms submitted to ANSI on a timely basis? (2.5, 4.1.1.c(5), 4.3, 5.2.d) Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

**4.2.1** If no, what is the explanation?

**4.2.2** Are PINS forms submitted for National Adoption? (2.5.1) Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_ N/A\_\_\_\_

**4.2.3** Are PINS forms submitted to ANSI via the online form option? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

**4.2.4** If not, why?

- 4.3** Are clear and adequate descriptions of the scope and purpose of proposed activities included on the PINS Form and other relevant project announcements? (2.5) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 4.3.1** If no, what is the explanation?
- 4.4** Has the developer received written comments within 30 days of the publication date of a PINS announcement in *Standards Action* in which comments assert that a proposed standard duplicates or conflicts with an existing ANS or a candidate ANS that was previously announced in *Standards Action*? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 4.4.1** If yes, provide evidence of compliance with clause 2.5.1.2 and 2.5.1.3 (PINS Deliberation Report).
- 4.4.2** If the requirements of 2.5.1.2 and 2.5.1.3 were not implemented, what is the explanation?
- 4.5** Has the developer received written comments within 30 days of the publication date of a PINS announcement in *Standards Action* requesting additional information or the opportunity to discuss the proposal from a directly and materially interested outside party or current consensus body member? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 4.5.1** If yes, did you respond in writing? (2.5.1)
- 4.5.2** If not, what is the explanation?
- 4.6** When in the standards development process are proposed American National Standards submitted to ANSI for public review (using the BSR-8 form or equivalent)? (2.5.2)
- 4.6.1** Are the BSR-8 forms completed correctly? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 4.6.2** Are BSR-8s submitted to ANSI via the online form option? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 4.6.3** If not, why?

- 4.7 For Audited Designators only:** If the accredited standards developer has been delegated the authority to designate its standards as ANSs without BSR review, when in the standards development process are proposed American National Standards submitted to ANSI for public announcement (using the BSR-108 form or equivalent)? (5.2(e))
- 4.7.1** Are the BSR-108 forms completed correctly? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 4.7.2** Are the BSR-108 forms submitted in a timely manner? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 4.7.3** Are BSR-108 forms submitted to ANSI via the online form option? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 4.7.4** If not, why?
- 4.8** When in the standards development process are proposed American National Standards submitted to ANSI for final approval (using the BSR-9 form)? (4.2.1)
- 4.8.1** Are the BSR-9 forms completed correctly and do they include all required information? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 4.8.2** Are the BSR-9 forms submitted within one year from the close of the public review period (4.2)? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 4.8.2.1** If no, what is the explanation?
- 4.9 For Audited Designators only:** If the accredited standards developer has been delegated the authority to designate its standards as ANSs without BSR review, are the announcements of approval as ANSs being submitted within ten working days of approval (using the BSR-109 form)? (5.2(f)) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 4.9.1** If no, what is the explanation?
- 4.9.2** Are the BSR-109 forms completed correctly and do they include all required information? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 4.9.3** Are the BSR-109 forms completed within one year from the close of the public announcement period?  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 4.9.3.1** If no, what is the explanation?

**4.10** Are responses made to ANSI requests for comments, ideas, and actions, with regard to standards planning and coordination activities, of mutual interest? (4.1.1.c(4)) Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_

**4.10.1** If no, what is the explanation.

**4.10.2** Does the accredited standards developer have representation on any ANSI Board, Council, or Standards Collaborative (i.e., OMF, NPAG, BSR, ExSC, ANSI BoD, AIF, USNC, etc.)? Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_

**4.10.2.1** If yes, please list.

**4.10.3** If yes, does the representative participate actively (i.e., respond to letter ballots, attend meetings, etc.)? Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_

**4.10.3.1** If no, what is the explanation?

## **5 Notification of standards activity to directly and materially interested parties**

**5.1** What is the URL of your website for standards related activities?

**5.2** Are announcements (direct mailings, press releases, articles in the trade press, advertisements, website postings, etc.) used to solicit participation by directly and materially interested parties? (2.5) Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_

**5.2.1** If no, what is the explanation?

**5.2.2** If yes, what are the primary means of announcement?

**5.2.3** If yes, when in the process are these announcements released?

**5.2.4** If yes, how are responses to such announcements considered? (2.1)

## 6 Coordination with other standards developers

- 6.1** What methods exist to provide a consistent review of existing standards and standards being developed, both nationally and internationally, for the purpose of avoiding duplication of effort and conflicting standards? (4.3)
- 6.2** Have there been any claims of conflict or duplication as described in the *ANSI Essential Requirements*? (2.4) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 6.2.1** If yes, please explain what efforts have been made to demonstrate good faith efforts to resolve the conflict and provide relevant documentation? (1.4, 2.4)
- 6.3** What channels of communication with other standards developers are utilized for coordination? (4.3)
- 6.4** Do formal (written agreement) liaisons exist between the accredited standards developer and other standards developers? (4.3)  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 6.4.1** If yes, please provide a list.
- 6.5** Is there a parallel or related international standards development program? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 6.5.1** If yes, please provide a list of the international activities.
- 6.5.2** If yes, does the accredited standards developer participate in the international standards activity? (i.e., Secretariat, TAG Administrator, Member of US delegation). Please list all involvement for any international activities.
- 6.5.3** If yes, are national standards of the accredited standards developer proposed for international adoption?  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_
- 6.5.4** Are appropriate ISO and/or IEC standards considered by the standards developer for adoption as American National Standards? (4.1.1.c(7)) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_
- 6.5.4.1** If no, what is the explanation?

## 7 Openness of participation

7.1 What is the mechanism used for the initial establishment of a consensus body (e.g., pre-interest survey, applications, etc.)?

7.2 Is participation open to all persons (organizations, companies, government agencies, individuals, etc.) who are directly and materially interested in a particular standards development activity? (1.1) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

7.2.1 If no, what is the explanation?

7.3 Is timely and adequate notice of standards development activity announced in media suitable to demonstrate that a meaningful opportunity for participation, debate, and deliberation by all directly and materially interested parties in a fair and equitable manner was provided? (1.5 and 2.5) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

7.3.1 If yes, please provide examples other than a PINS announcement or BSR-8 submission for a Public Review of the draft standard (i.e., website announcement, press release, newsletter, trade press, direct mailing, etc.)

7.3.2 If no, what is the explanation?

7.3.3 Was the question on the PINS and/or BSR-8 forms to solicit additional members to serve on the consensus body checked off? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

7.3.3.1 If no, what is the explanation?

7.3.3.2 If applicable, did you submit any targeted outreach announcements to ANSI for special publication in *Standards Action*?

7.3.3.3 Were there any announcements or attempts made to solicit additional participants (particularly non-members) to serve on the consensus body (i.e., website announcement, press release, trade press, direct mailings, etc.)?

7.3.3.4 If so, please explain and provide examples.

7.3.3.5 If no, what is the explanation?

- 7.4** Is participation conditional upon membership in any organization? (1.1) Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_
- 7.4.1** If yes, what is the explanation?
- 7.5** Is there a fee for participation? (1.1) Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_
- 7.5.1** If yes, is the fee reasonable and not a barrier to participation?
- 7.5.2** If there is a fee, do documented procedures exist to provide a waiver or reduction of fees to qualified applicants?
- 7.5.3** Please provide waiver policy or reference section of procedures if applicable. Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_
- 7.5.3.1** If yes, have any requests for waiver been received in the last five years? Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_
- 7.5.3.2** If yes, what was the disposition of these requests?
- 7.6** In the last five years, have any requests for participation been denied? Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_
- 7.6.1** If yes, what is the explanation?
- 7.7** Has the level of participation of each member of the consensus body (and other relevant bodies) been monitored to ensure active participation? Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_
- 7.7.1** If yes, how and by whom?
- 7.7.2** If no, what is the explanation?
- 7.8** If a member of the consensus body (and other relevant bodies) is found to be a poor participant or non-participant, are attempts made to rectify the delinquency? Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_
- 7.8.1** If yes, how and by whom?
- 7.8.2** If no, what is the explanation?

**7.9** Has any member of the consensus body (and other relevant bodies) been suspended for non-participation within the last five years? Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_

**7.9.1** If yes, what methods were employed to elicit a more active participation and how was the member(s) suspended?

**7.10** What method does the accredited standards developer use to assure that adequate representation of consumers' concerns is obtained in connection with consumer product standards? (2.3)

**7.10.1** As applicable, what efforts are made to engage consumers in relevant standards development activity?

## **8 Balance and lack of dominance**

**8.1** What are the interest categories associated with the consensus body and how is membership reviewed regularly? (1.3, 2.3)

**8.1.1** What is the current balance of the above interest categories? (2.3)

**8.1.2** Does each of the identified interest categories have adequate representation? Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_

**8.1.2.1** If no, what efforts have been made to attract additional members?

**8.1.3** Is participation by the underrepresented group actively sought? Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_

**8.1.3.1** If no, what is the explanation?

**8.2** What mechanism does the accredited standards developer utilize to achieve and maintain a balanced membership on the consensus body?

**8.3** Have any written claims of dominance been made? (2.2) Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_

**8.3.1** If yes, how were they addressed?

## 9 Balloting procedures and results

**9.1** Is balloting being handled expeditiously and in accordance with the procedures that formed the basis for accreditation of the standards developer? (4.1.1.b) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**9.1.1** If no, what is the explanation?

**9.1.2** Are there internal ballot procedures available to appropriate staff? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**9.2** Are unresolved objections (from public review and the consensus body), including attempts at resolution of objections and substantive changes, reported to all members of the consensus body, providing an opportunity to vote or change their initial vote to approve the standard as an ANS (2.6)? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**9.2.1** If no, what is the explanation?

**9.3** Are all members of the consensus body provided with the opportunity to vote? (2.7) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**9.3.1** If no, what is the explanation?

**9.3.2** When recorded votes are taken at meetings, are the members who are absent given the opportunity to vote before or after meetings? (2.7) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**9.3.2.1** If no, what is the explanation?

## 10 Consideration of views and objections

**10.1** Is there a record of each comment and objection resulting from the balloting, public review responses, and other views and inputs received? (3.4) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**10.1.1** If no, what is the explanation?

**10.1.2** Are Public Review commenters or Consensus Body members required to use a form to submit comments? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**10.2** Was there an effort to resolve all objections? (2.6) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

- 10.2.1** If no, what is the explanation?
- 10.3** Was each objector advised of the disposition of the objection, in writing, with an opportunity to withdraw or maintain the objection? (2.6) Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_
- 10.3.1** If no, what is the explanation?
- 10.4** Are unresolved objectors notified in writing of their right to appeal? (2.6) Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_
- 10.4.1** If no, what is the explanation?
- 10.5** How are unresolved objections reported to the consensus body in order to afford an opportunity to respond, reaffirm, or change their votes? (2.6)
- 10.5.1** Are all members of the consensus body afforded an opportunity to respond, reaffirm, or change their vote? Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_
- 10.5.2** If no, what is the explanation?
- 10.6** If substantive changes are made to a proposed standard(s) after it is balloted, are they reported to the consensus body in order to afford all members an opportunity to respond, reaffirm, or change his/her initial vote? (2.6) Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_N/A\_\_\_\_
- 10.6.1** If no, what is the explanation?
- 10.7** Are such substantive changes announced in *ANSI Standards Action* and in other appropriate media for public review? (2.5) Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_N/A\_\_\_\_
- 10.7.1** If no, what is the explanation?
- 10.8** Does a procedure exist to ensure that comments submitted with a vote that are not related to the proposal under consideration are handled as new proposals? (2.7) If yes, please cite appropriate section from the procedures. Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_
- 10.8.1** If no, what is the explanation?

## 11 Appeals

11.1 What appeals have been received since the last audit and what was the final disposition?

11.2 What methods are used to notify unresolved objectors in writing of their right to appeal?

11.3 Are their written appeals procedures that are readily available upon request? (1.8) Please provide reference to relevant section of procedures. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

11.3.1 If no, what is the explanation?

11.4 Are appeals addressed promptly? (1.8) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

11.4.1 If no, what is the explanation?

11.5 If you have had an appeal, have the involved parties had the right to present their cases? (1.8) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

11.5.1 If no, what is the explanation?

11.6 Is a fee for a procedural appeal charged? (2.8.1) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

11.6.1 If a fee is charged, is it predetermined, fixed and reasonable? (2.8.1) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

11.6.2 If a fee is charged, is there a procedure for requesting a fee waiver or fee reduction? (2.8.1) Please provide waiver policy or cite relevant section of procedures. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

11.6.3 If you have a waiver or fee reduction policy, were any waivers or fee reductions granted? (2.8.1) If so, please provide documentation.

11.7 Is there a record of each appeal and are such records available to the involved parties? (3.4) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

11.7.1 If no, what is the explanation?

## 12 Publication and maintenance of American National Standards

- 12.1** Are American National Standards developed by the accredited standards developer published promptly, i.e., no later than six months after approval by ANSI? (4.5) Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_
- 12.1.1** If no, what is the explanation?
- 12.1.2** If no, was an extension requested?
- 12.2** What method is used to notify interested parties of the availability of published American National Standards? Please provide examples.
- 12.3** Are such standards marked on the cover or title page with the ANSI approval logo or the words “an American National Standard”? (4.4) Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_
- 12.3.1** If no, what is the explanation?
- 12.3.2** What additional methods are used to indicate that the standard has been approved as an American National Standard?
- 12.4** Is there a unique alphanumeric designation identifying each standard and each version? (4.4) Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_
- 12.4.1** If no, what is the explanation?
- 12.5** What methods exist to ensure that American National Standards are reviewed at least every five years for revision, reaffirmation, or withdrawal? (4.7)
- 12.6** Are any American National Standards beyond the five-year limit for review? (4.7) Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_
- 12.6.1** If yes, what is the explanation?
- 12.6.2** If yes, has an extension been requested from ANSI or a PINS or BSR-8 published? (4.7.1) Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_
- 12.6.2.1** If yes, has ANSI granted an extension?
- 12.6.2.2** If no, what is the explanation?

- 12.7** Are any American National Standards beyond the ten-year age limit? (4.7.1) Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_
- 12.7.1** If yes, what is the explanation?
- 12.7.2** Does your organization maintain any national adoptions of ISO, IEC, or ISO/IEC standards that are more than ten years past their ANS approval date? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_
- 12.7.3** If yes, what is your plan for reaffirming, revising, or withdrawing the ANS?
- 12.8** Does your organization maintain any standards under the stabilized maintenance option? (4.7.3) Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_
- 12.8.1** If so, please provide a list by designation.
- 12.8.2** Do your accredited procedures include a provision or notification regarding the procedures that are used in connection with standards that are maintained as stabilized ANS? (4.7.3) Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_
- 12.9** Does your organization maintain standards under Continuous Maintenance (4.7.2)?
- 12.9.1** If so, please provide a list by designation.
- 12.10** Have any ANS that were maintained under Continuous Maintenance been switched to periodic maintenance due to a change in activity level? (e.g., No revision within 4-5 years) (4.7.2) If so, please provide a list. Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_
- 12.11** Does your organization maintain any Provisional ANS or its equivalent (Annex B)? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_
- 12.11.1** If so, please identify them and the applicable procedural provisions.

### **13 Interpretations**

- 13.1** Is the current interpretations policy on file with ANSI? (3.6) Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_
- 13.1.1** If no, what is the explanation?

**13.2** Are interpretations of American National Standards provided by the accredited standards developer? (3.6) Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

**13.2.1** If yes, are the interpretations made in the name of the accredited standards developer and not ANSI? (3.6)  
Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

**13.2.2** If yes, what is the number of interpretations of American National Standards provided by the accredited standards developer since the last audit?

**13.2.3** If yes, how are these interpretations made available to the users of the American National Standard?

#### **14 Patent policy**

**14.1** Does the accredited standards developer have its own patent policy (3.1)? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

**14.1.1** If yes, does it comply with the ANSI patent policy?

**14.1.2** If yes, is a copy of the policy on file with ANSI?

**14.1.3** If no, what is the explanation?

**14.1.4** If the developer does not have its own Patent Policy, has the accredited standards developer provided a statement to ANSI that it will comply with the ANSI Patent Policy or incorporated the current edition of the ANSI Patent Policy into its accredited procedures? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

**14.2** Has the accredited standards developer had any disputes or appeals concerning patents within the last five years? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

**14.2.1** If yes, what were the results?

**14.3** Has the accredited standards developer drafted an ANS in terms that include the use of an essential patent claim within the last five years? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

**14.4** If so, please provide the designations of the affected ANS.

**14.5** How does the ASD maintain copies of essential patent claims and how are they made publicly available?

**14.6** Does the accredited standards developer's patent policy address patent transfers and disclosure of essential patents? (3.1 and 3.1.1) Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_

**14.6.1** If not, why?

**14.7** Do all patent letters of assurance dated March 3, 2015 or after address patent transfers? (3.1 and 3.1.1) Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_

**14.7.1** If not, why? Please identify all relevant ANS by designation:

**14.8** Has the accredited standards developer received any negative letters of assurance (statements indicating that the patent holder is unwilling to license essential patent claims in accordance with the ANSI and ASD Patent Policies) on any proposed or approved American National Standards since the last audit?

**14.8.1** If so, were they transmitted to ANSI with an appropriate explanation?

**14.8.2** If so, please provide the designations of the affected ANS.

## **15 Antitrust Policy**

**15.1** Does the accredited standards developer's procedures include an antitrust policy that complies with the *ANSI Essential Requirements* (3.3)? Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_

**15.1.1** If no, what is the explanation?

## **16 Other**

**16.1** What mechanism exists for the prompt consideration of a proposal made for developing new standards or revising or withdrawing existing American National Standards? (1.5, 2.1)

**16.2** Does the accredited standards developer have a metric policy (3.5)? Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_

**16.2.1** If no, what is the explanation?

**16.2.2** If yes, is a copy on file with ANSI (3.5)? Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_

- 16.3** Does the accredited standards developer have a policy concerning commercial terms and conditions? (3.2) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 16.3.1** If the developer does not have its own Commercial Terms and Conditions Policy, has the accredited standards developer provided a statement to ANSI that it will comply with the ANSI Commercial Terms and Conditions Policy or otherwise incorporated ANSI's Policy in its procedures? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 16.3.2** If the developer does not have either, what is the explanation?
- 16.3.3** If the developer does have its own Commercial Terms and Conditions Policy, is a copy on file with ANSI? (3.2) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 16.4** Is the accredited standards developer incorporated, registered or otherwise recognized as a legal entity? (4.1 and 4.1.1) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 17** Do these procedures (or a separately maintained document) address the issuance of Draft American National Standards for Trial Use? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 17.1** If yes, the developer must remove the provision from its accredited procedures or eliminate reference to "American National Standards" as Draft American National Standards for Trial Use no longer are recognized by ANSI.
- 18** Do these procedures (or a separately maintained document) address the registration of Technical Reports with ANSI? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 18.1** If yes, has a copy of the relevant text been provided to the ANSI ExSC for review and approval? Please cite appropriate section of procedures or separate document where addressed. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 19** Have there been or are there any pending lawsuits regarding any American National Standards? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 19.1** If yes, please explain.
- 20** Have there been or are there presently any investigations being conducted by any legal or regulatory agencies such as the Federal Trade Commission, the Department of Justice, etc.? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- 20.1** If yes, please explain.

**21** Has your organization filed under Public Law (PL) 108-237 The Standards Development Organization Advancement Act of 2004?  
Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_

**21.1** If no, please explain.