



Code of Good Practice: Introduction: Clauses F and G

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Code of Good Practice

- WTO Members shall ensure that their central government standardizing bodies accept and comply with the Code of Good Practice.
- Reasonable measures shall be taken for acceptance and compliance by
 - local government
 - non-governmental standardizing bodies within their territories
 - regional standardizing bodies
- Shall not take measures which require or encourage acts which are inconsistent with the Code.
- The obligations of Members with respect to compliance of standardizing bodies with the provisions of the Code shall apply irrespective of whether or not a standardizing body has accepted the Code of Good Practice.

Clause F

- The standardizing body international standards as a basis for the standards it develops, except where such international standards or relevant parts would be ineffective or inappropriate.

Clause F in Practice

- Implemented by National Standards Bodies, which designate international standards as national standards.
 - For example, Standards Institute of Israel follows a policy of standards harmonization, whenever possible. The Technical Committees are encouraged to adopt existing, accepted international standards as Israeli standards, as long as there is no compelling local reason for not doing so.

Clause F

- ANSI does not designate international standards as “national voluntary or mandatory standards” as other NSBs do.
- An American National Standard (ANS) is not a “national” standard in the sense of how other NSBs adopt national standards. An ANS is a standard that has been accredited as following the ANSI Essential Requirements, which are due process requirements. An international standard can be accredited as an ANS.
- International standards are implemented voluntarily in the U.S. market and made mandatory in U.S. regulations.

Clause G

- National Standards Bodies shall play a full part standards development from relevant international standardizing bodies, when it adopts or expects to adopt a standard.
- Participation in a particular international standardization activity shall, whenever possible, take place through one delegation representing all standardizing bodies in the territory.

U.S. implementation of Clause G

- ANSI announces any new standards development from relevant international standardizing bodies weekly and has an open call for participation in the ANSI Standards Action.

ANSI Standards Action Website

- [Http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=http%3a%2f%2fpublicaa%2eansi%2eorg%2fsites%2fapdl%2fDocuments%2fStandards%20Action%2f2015%2dPDFs](http://publicaa.ansi.org/sites/apdl/Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=http%3a%2f%2fpublicaa%2eansi%2eorg%2fsites%2fapdl%2fDocuments%2fStandards%20Action%2f2015%2dPDFs)



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