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Subject: [EXTERNAL] NEMA Comments on ANSI International Procedures

Good morning,

NEMA respectfully requests that the ANSI Executive Standards Council consider adding language that clarifies that the TAG Administrator, not the TAG, is responsible for decisions related to requests for national adoption of IEC and ISO Standards per the *ANSI Policy Regarding Rights to Nationally Adopt IEC and ISO Standards or Otherwise Use IEC and ISO Material*. The lack of reference to this document in the ANSI International Procedures will lead to confusion among stakeholders regarding the TAG role in national adoption. To accomplish this clarification, NEMA suggests the following additions to the ANSI International Procedures:

- 2.3.3: Add “responding to requests from other organizations for national adoptions of ISO Standards developed by the TC” or something similar;
- A1: Add the following sentence: These procedures do not apply to National Adoption of ISO Standards. For more information, see *ANSI Policy Regarding Rights to Nationally Adopt IEC and ISO Standards or Otherwise Use IEC and ISO Material*; and
- A3: Add “responding to requests from other organizations for national adoptions of ISO Standards developed by the TC” or something similar.

RESPONSE: Language addressing the issue described above will be proposed to the Executive Committee of the ANSI Board of Directors, as the keeper of the Policy at issue. The following language or similar will be offered for consideration as an addition to the existing Policy document itself:

- Decisions made by TAG Administrators under the National Adoption Policy are final and not subject to appeal at ANSI through its Program Oversight Committees or otherwise.

In addition, if the above text is approved by the Board Executive Committee, the following consistent new section will be added to the *ANSI International Procedures* for clarification:

National Adoption of ISO or IEC Standards as American National Standards

Eligible ANSI-Accredited Standards Developers (ASDs) that wish to adopt an ISO or IEC standard as an American National Standard (ANS) shall comply with the requirements set forth in the *ANSI Procedures for the National Adoption of ISO or IEC Standards as American National Standards* and the *ANSI Policy Regarding Rights to Nationally Adopt IEC and ISO Standards or Otherwise Use IEC and ISO Material* (National Adoption Policy). Decisions made by TAG Administrators under the National Adoption Policy are final and not subject to appeal at ANSI through its Program Oversight Committees or otherwise.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns about these comments.

All the best,
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