



Overview of ISO and Objectives of the IWA on Cookstoves

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What is ISO?



- International Organization for Standardization is the worlds largest developer of International Standards
- A network of national standards bodies (ex. ANSI, BSI, NEN) of 162 countries
- Participation is by country (National Standards Body)
 - NB participation includes industry, government, academia, other interested stakeholders
 - In ISO, each NSB has ONE vote
- Standards development is governed by rules for development and participation

ISO by the Numbers



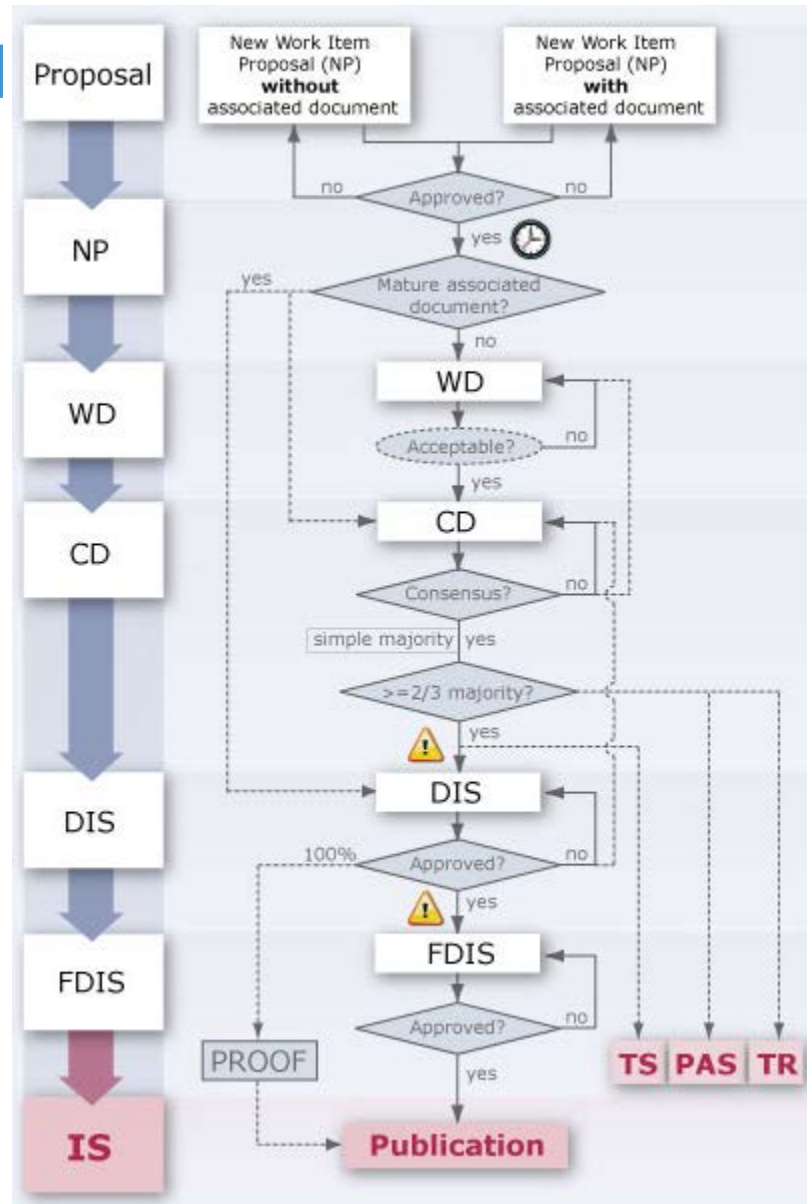
- ISO collection currently contains over 19,000 published standards
- Over 3,200 committees actively developing standards
- Over 600 organizations participate through liaison relationships with committees
- Over 100,000 technical experts participate
- Every day, standards meetings are occurring all over the world

A Standard..

- makes the development, manufacturing and supply of products and services **more efficient, safer and cleaner**
- **facilitates trade** between countries and make it **fairer**
- provides governments with a technical base for **health, safety and environmental legislation**, and conformity assessment
- **shares** technological advances and good management practice
- disseminates **innovation**
- **safeguards consumers**, and users in general, of products and services
- makes life simpler by providing **solutions** to common problems

International Standard

"**consensus**: General agreement, characterized by the absence of sustained opposition to substantial issues by any important part of the concerned interests and by a process that involves seeking to take into account the views of all parties concerned and to reconcile any conflicting arguments.



ISO International Workshop Agreement - What It Is

- Voluntary consensus document
 - Consensus does not mean unanimity
- Developed swiftly to address a market or public policy need
- As an ISO document, gives credibility
- Can be a precursor to International Standards
- Allows participation by ALL as opposed to standards which are limited to ISO National Standards Bodies

ISO International Workshop Agreement - What it is not

- An IWA is temporary
 - The document may live forever, but the meeting will not
 - There will not be another IWA meeting once the document is published
- An IWA is not an evolving
 - There will NOT be revisions after publication
- An IWA is not a standard

IWA Development Stages

- Step 1 - Proposal
 - ANSI proposed IWA to ISO Central Secretariat (CS)
- Step 2 - Agreement
 - ISO TMB approved the IWA and confirmed ANSI as Secretary
- Step 3 - Announcement
 - ISO CS circulated details of the IWA
- Step 4 - Workshop
 - Attendees discuss issues and documents
 - Draft a document with the maximum amount of consensus
- Step 5 - Publication
 - Secretary sends text to ISO CS
 - ISO CS formats and publishes



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