Countries’ experiences related to reference to standards in regulations

AENOR experiences:
Spain and other countries

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AENOR experience: Standards in support of technical regulations

• As national standardization body in Spain;
• As national member of ISO, IEC, CEN and CENELEC;
• As adherent member of COPANT;
• As technical assistance and international cooperation organization;
• Example of good practice: regulation of electrical installations.
National standardization body in Spain

- Development of National standards;
- Adoption of ISO, IEC, CEN and CENELEC standards: One of the main NSB translating standards in the World;
- Identification of National Technical Regulations in the field of our catalogue of standards;
- Lists of references and titles of harmonized standards in Spanish language;
- Management of incidences regarding application of standards due to Technical Regulations;
- Enquiry point and information services.
National member of International and European standards organizations

• Organization of the Spanish participation and inputs in ISO, IEC, CEN and CENELEC technical work;
• Adoption and translation of standards;
• WTO / TBT implications & code of good practice;
• EU Regulation implications;
• Management of national deviations due to relevant Technical Regulations, special national conditions, country notes,…
Adherent member in COPANT

• Promotion of ISO and IEC in America;
• Ensuring coherence in Spanish versions of relevant adoptions of International and Regional standards;
• Sharing translations with other Spanish speaking countries;
• Participation in seminars and workshops;
• Promotion of European technology and good practices;
Technical assistance and International Cooperation

• Exchange of good practices regarding:
  – Quality infrastructure;
  – Voluntary use of standards in support of regulations and public policies;
  – Indirect and dated/undated references to standards in technical regulations;

• Market intelligence and network of International contacts;

• MoU and cooperation agreements.
Example of good practice in Spain

- Wiring rules / Low Voltage Electrical installations (REBT);
- Recognition of the importance of IEC and CENELEC as providers of standards with a wide degree of experience and consensus;
- IEC and CENELEC standards referenced;
- Mix of Direct and Indirect references;
- Dated references, but special clause that last version is applicable unless otherwise specified.

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Conclusions

• Important role of a National standard supporting public policies and accuracy of references;
• Important role of National members of ISO, IEC, CEN and CENELEC;
• Importance of technical assistance and international cooperation;
• Role of voluntary standards;
• Updated and indirect references in support of Technical Regulations.
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