



## REVISION OF ISO/IEC GUIDE 59 CODE OF GOOD PRACTICE FOR STANDARDIZATION

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<sup>1</sup> In English only.

## Overview of Guide 59:1994



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Guide 59: 1994 “Code of good practice for standardization

“Scope” can be considered as the following:

“.....procedures for the development of standards, advancement of international trade, participation in the standards development process, coordination and information”.

The code is voluntary and intended to ensure openness and transparency, coherence and effectiveness in worldwide standardization processes”.



## Reason for the revision of the Guide



### Reason for the revision



1. It was developed prior to the issuance of the Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Agreement of the World Trade Organization (WTO) 1995
2. To align with:
  - Annex 3 of the TBT Agreement, and
  - Annex 4 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Triannual Review of the operation and implementation of TBT Agreement
3. The Systematic Review results indicated the need to update and clarify the structure, content and language used to allow easier application



## Status of a Guide in the ISO system



### What is an ISO Guide?

Guides are documents that provide advice to:

- national standards bodies on how to deal with issues specific to standardization principles.
- standards writers on drafting standards.



## Who develops Guides?

Guides shall not be prepared by technical committees.

They may be prepared by:

- an ISO group reporting to the ISO technical management board (TMB), or
- an ISO/IEC Joint Coordination Group.

A number of Guides are jointly developed between ISO and IEC and then published as ISO/IEC Guides.



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## Development process of Guide 59



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- The ISO TMB and IEC SMB created a **Joint Working Group** composed of representatives nominated by the ISO/TMB and IEC/SMB to undertake the revision
- Working group is composed of 15 experts
- The experts act in a **personal capacity** as experts



## Summary – Development stages

5 stages	Action	Balloting time	Development path
1	SR TMB Proposal to revise Guide 59	• 5 months ballot (2015)	NP
2	Preparatory WD Expert consensus within working group	• March 2017 to April 2018	WD
3	Committee CD Consensus building within TMB/SMB members	• 2-month ballot by default • Can be skipped • CD 4 May 2018	CD
4	Enquiry DIS National consensus ISO and IEC members	• 16 weeks	24 months to reach DIS
5	Publication ISO/IEC Guide		Up to 36 months Guide



## Main changes in the revised Guide



### Major changes to the revision (1)

A scope has been added:

*This guide provides recommendations for implementing good standardization practices that are consistent with the:*

- *WTO TBT Committee decision on principles for the development of international standards, guides and recommendations, and*
- *code of good practice for the preparation, adoption and application of standards (Annex 3 of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT))*

*This guide is addressed to the **national members of IEC and ISO**, hereafter referred to as national bodies.*





## Major changes to the revision (2)

The Guide has 2 distinct sections:

- **Section 4 “Principles of Standards Development”**
  - Contains recommendations for national bodies to observe for development of standards
- **Section 5 “Guidance to the implementation of Code of good practice for the preparation, adoption and application of standards”**
  - This section does not provide any official interpretation of Annex 3 of the TBT agreement



## Major changes to the revision (3)

The general format and structure has been aligned with current rules for drafting of ISO/IEC deliverables.





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