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## **CEN/CENELEC Guide 13**

# **The concept of Partner Standardization Body with CEN and CENELEC**

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The present guide defines the status of Partner Standardization Body, presents the conditions for granting that status, describes the rights and obligations of Partner Standardization Bodies of CEN and/or CENELEC, and indicates the principles and information sources for the calculation of the annual fee. The General Assemblies of CEN and CENELEC approved the second edition of this Guide in 2008. This Guide replaces any CEN document agreed prior to this date.



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## Introduction to the CEN and CENELEC models of cooperation with third country or regional standardization bodies

Besides their dedication and commitment to international standardization through their memberships and the Vienna and Dresden agreements, CEN and CENELEC as European Regional Standardization bodies have always been open for cooperation/collaboration with other standardization bodies worldwide, since they clearly acknowledge the importance of the European Standards they develop for trade and welfare inside as well as outside the European Economic Area.

CEN and CENELEC recognize that the cooperation/collaboration with third country National Standardization Bodies (NSBs) or with regional standardization bodies may take several shapes depending on their links with Europe, their wish to participate in technical activities and their interest in the results of the European Standardization process. In that respect CEN and CENELEC are proposing four different models of cooperation:

For NSBs in third countries the concepts of:

- Affiliation,
- Standardization Partnership (PSB),
- Agreement;

for the regional grouping of those NSBs:

- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

The AFFILIATION is open for an NSB/NC member of ISO or IEC respectively which represents or has the ambition to represent all parties concerned in an evolving market industry. They belong to a EU neighbouring country which has links with EU or EFTA in relation to technical scientific political and social conditions. The details regarding this status are given in CEN/CENELEC Guide 12.

The STANDARDIZATION PARTNERSHIP is offered to an NSB/NC member of ISO or IEC respectively, which represents or has the ambition to represent all parties concerned in an evolving market economy of a country which cannot obtain the status of CEN or CENELEC Member nor the status of CEN or CENELEC Affiliate. The details regarding this PSB status are given in the present CEN/CENELEC Guide 13.

The AGREEMENT is offered to any kind of NSB not desiring to become Affiliate or PSB but interested in developing official relations with CEN and/or CENELEC. This model of cooperation may comprise elements such as exchange of information, transfer of knowledge, cooperation in standardization activities and bodies.

The MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is a tool established to start official cooperation relations with recognized Regional Groupings of third country NSBs.

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## 1 Historical background

The significance of European Standards is growing not only because there is a link with EU policies but first of all because European Standards reflect a high quality regarding key issues such as safety, health and environment.

As a result CEN and CENELEC receive increasing requests for establishing a formal relationship with National Standards Bodies not likely to become CEN/CENELEC Members.

Depending on the countries and while recognizing the values of international standardization led by ISO/IEC, CEN and CENELEC have developed several options for collaboration. One of them is the concept of Partner Standardization Body (PSB). A summary table describing the aspects characterizing the PSB concept is reproduced in Annex 1.

## 2 Definition of Partner Standardization Body

The status of Partner Standardization Body with CEN is available to a National Standards Body, which is a member (or corresponding member) of the ISO, and which represents or has the ambition to represent all parties concerned in an evolving market economy of a country which is not eligible for obtaining the status of CEN National Member or CEN Affiliate.

The status of Partner Standardization Body with CENELEC is available to a National Electrotechnical Committee, which is a member (or associate member) of the IEC, and which represents or has the ambition to represent all parties concerned in an evolving market economy of a country which is not eligible for obtaining the status of CENELEC National Committee or CENELEC Affiliate.

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## 3 Conditions for granting the status of Partner Standardization Body

In the spirit of the definition above, the following conditions shall be met by an applicant for the PSB status:

- recognized as the only National Standards Body/National Electrotechnical Committee from the country,
- member or corresponding member of the ISO/member or associate member of the IEC,
- registered in the ISO/IEC List of Standardizing Bodies having notified acceptance of the WTO Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards,
- readiness to accept reciprocity as far as participation in Technical Bodies is concerned.

From a procedural perspective, the candidate organization shall submit to the CEN Secretary General/CENELEC Director General a written application to become a PSB, in which it shows proof of its compliance with the above conditions. The application is referred to the pertinent Administrative Board (CA) and is granted on an unanimous decision of the National Members of CEN and/or National Committees of CENELEC, either in a statutory meeting or by correspondence. The decision also specifies the commencement date for the PSB status.

## 4 Rights and obligations of Partner Standardization Bodies

### 4.1 Rights

- To participate without voting rights, in the General Assembly (AG) of CEN and/or CENELEC and, with the agreement of AG, in identified bodies with an open character;
- To participate in Technical Bodies as an observer. Requests for such participation should be addressed to the CEN Management Center (CMC) and/or CENELEC Central Secretariat (CS), which will provide access to the relevant document server and inform the Technical Body of this observership. This right is subject to the approval of the Technical Body concerned;
- To reproduce and sell, within its own country, the drafts stemming from those Technical Bodies where they have observership and which are submitted to Enquiry, UAP and Formal Vote;
- To implement European Standards (EN) as national standards in its own language or in one of the official languages of CEN and CENELEC and to withdraw conflicting national standards – see Annex 2 for the Agreement on the conditions to be respected by a PSB when implementing a European Standard (EN). The supply of the texts of the ratified European Standards, as well as of Harmonization Documents (HD), Technical Specifications (TS), Technical Reports (TR) and Workshop Agreements (CWA), will start at the commencement date of the PSB status and does normally not include the supply of previously issued publications,
- To sell ENs not adopted as national standards by arrangement with one or more CEN National Members or CENELEC National Committees in accordance with the CEN/CENELEC Guide 10 “Guidelines for the distribution and sales of CEN/CENELEC publications”;
- To receive and sell corporate publications of CEN and/or CENELEC, in accordance with CEN and/or CENELEC practices. These publications include amongst others the Catalogue, the Guides, the Internal Regulations, as well as Press Releases (freely reproducible with source acknowledgement) and any future corporate publication.

### 4.2 Obligations

- To commit to comply with the rules set or to be set in the future by the CEN Statutes and/or CENELEC Articles of Association, the CEN/CENELEC Internal Regulations and other relevant resolutions taken by the General Assembly and Administrative Board of CEN and/or CENELEC, including financial obligations;
- To endeavour to implement the ENs, developed by the Technical Bodies in which the PSB participates, as national standards, in accordance with the CEN/CENELEC Internal Regulations Part 2 and to withdraw conflicting national standards;
- To notify all national implementations of ENs to the CEN Management Center and/or CENELEC Central Secretariat;
- To strictly apply CEN/CENELEC Guide 10 “Guidelines for the distribution and sales of CEN/CENELEC Publications”;
- To respect the agreements established between CEN and ISO and/or between CENELEC and IEC;
- To notify to the Secretariat of the CEN and/or CENELEC Technical Bodies in which the PSB participates any new national projects falling under the scope of that body;

- To sign and abide by the terms of the Agreement on the conditions to be respected by the PSB when implementing a European Standard (EN) (see Annex 2);
- To sign and abide by the terms of the binding Agreement for the distribution and sales of publications of CEN and/or CENELEC (see Annex 3).

## 5 Fees for Partner Standardization Bodies

Among the obligations, mention is made of the financial obligations. These include the payment by the PSB of a base fee and Of a service fee, decided annually by the General Assembly of CEN (CEN/AG) and/or CENELEC (CENELEC/AG) by meeting or by correspondence. The decision of the General Assembly shall be based on the following calculation principles.

### The base fee

- shall be the multiplication of a financial unit, decided annually by the General Assembly, with a correcting factor linked to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at current prices in US dollars of the country of the (candidate) PSB,
- shall not exceed the contribution unit used for the calculation of the individual financial contribution of the Members,
- the correcting factors are as follows:

GDP Intervals (in million USD)	Correcting factor
0 - 20 000	1
20 000 - 60 000	1,5
60 000 - 250 000	2
250 000 - 1 000 000	2,5
1 000 000 - 1 500 000	3
> 1 500 000	3,5

### The service fee

- paid according to the number of Technical bodies in which the PSB participates,
- the three first participations in Technical Bodies being free.

NOTE 1 The application for PSB status of the standardization bodies of the identified countries has raised the need to clarify both the sources of information regarding the Gross Domestic Product (GPD) of the candidates in order to ensure transparency and homogeneity, and the possible mechanisms of revision of the factors applied to the eligible countries.

Taking into account that the official statistics of the European Commission are referred only to countries members of the European Union or candidates to the European Union, the database of the World Bank was chosen as the source of information for the GDP figures.

NOTE 2 Notwithstanding the ratio of economic growth of their countries, it appears that the correcting factor of the (candidate) PSBs will remain stable for a longer period of time, requiring only a check of the evolution of the GDP situation, and possible adaptation of the factors, at five-years intervals.