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Background

- Approved by JTC1 in 2001
- Based on similar ISO and IEC mechanisms
- Permits rapid production of "International Workshop Agreements" (IWA) which are not standards, ...
- ... but which may be converted to standards.

Proposing a JTC1 Workshop

- May be proposed by any source including NBs, liaisons, corporations.
- Proposal should include:
 - Purpose and justification
 - Relevant documents
 - Cooperation and liaison
 - ◆ Name of NB willing to provide Secretariat and administrative support
 - ◆ Name of prospective chair
- If multiple meetings, a business plan for maintaining continuity.

Review of Proposal

- Proposal is submitted to JTC1 Secretariat.
- ◆ JTC1 will designate NB to serve as Secretariat.
- Secretariat and proposer will designate Workshop Chair.

Announcement of Workshop

- Workshop will be announced by Secretariat, by JTC1, and by NBs to encourage wide participation.
- Must invite any SC with relevant projects.
- Registration fees are permitted but must be announced.
- Announcement must be made 90 days in advance.

Workshop Information Package

- 6 weeks prior to workshop
- Include objectives, agenda, planned deliverables, reference documents
- Registered participants may submit contributions for circulation

Participation

- Chair must act in international and neutral capacity to achieve consensus.
- Workshop is open only to registered participants.
 Any organization or individual may register.
 Participants are *not* appointed by NBs.
- Secretariat, proposer and Chair must work together to achieve broad and balanced representation. Participation may be limited to achieve this goal.

Project Teams

- Project teams may be established to achieve continuity between meetings.
- Workshop designates team members.
- Working of project team must permit all registered participants to participate fully.

General Policies

- Workshops may participate autonomously using flexible procedures.
- Workshops must respect general ISO and IEC policies, including:
 - ◆ Intellectual property rights
 - ◆ Use of SI units
- Secretariat will ensure that this occurs.
- Workshop Chairman is responsible to recognize achievement of consensus.

Workshop Deliverables

- Description of workshop consensus
- Recommendations for future action
- Deliverable will proceed to publication without further action or review.
- However, appeal is permitted:
 - Procedures violated
 - ◆ Not in best interest of international trade, environment, safety, etc.
 - ◆ Conflicts with existing ISO or IEC standard
 - ◆ Discredits ISO or IEC
- Appeal must be made within 2 months. JTC1 decides.

Publication of IWA

- Workshop deliverable should be drafted according to ISO/IEC directives.
- Send to ITTF for publication as IWA.
- Include recommendation for further processing,
 e.g. as an international standard.
- Competing IWAs are permitted.
- IWAs may *compete* with existing or proposed
 ISO/IEC standards but may not *conflict* with them.

Review of IWAs

- May exist for a maximum of 6 years.
- Must be reviewed after three years:
 - ◆ Leave as is for remainder of 6 year period.
 - Withdraw.
 - ◆ Progress as another form of ISO/IEC document
- May be progressed to IS or TR through either:
 - ◆ Normal five-stage process
 - ◆ PAS process*
- * Need to be recognized as a PAS submitter is waived if intent to process PAS is included in original workshop proposal.