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Update from ASTM International

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What is ASTM?



An International Standards Development Organization

- Established in 1898
- 148 Committees & 12,700+ Standards
- 30,000+ members
 - 8,000+ International Members from 150 countries
 - 8,000 ASTM standards used in 75 countries
- Accreditation:
 - American National Standards Institute (ANSI)
 - Standards Council of Canada (SCC)
- Process complies with WTO principles: Annex 4 of WTO/TBT Agreement



ASTM and UNECE WP6: a long-standing and successful relationship



- Active participation since 2014
- Updates and contribution to Recommendation development
- Support and sponsor for Standards for SDGs event in Geneva
- Signatory of the Gender Responsive Standards Declaration in 2019



UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE



**International Model for Transnational
Regulatory Cooperation Based
on Good Regulatory Practice¹**

2021 OECD Case Study on ASTM International



– SCOPE OF THE STUDY

- Developed in the context of the OECD Partnership of International Organisations for Effective International Rule-Making
- Studies ASTM International's standard-setting practices and related governance mechanisms
- Study contributes to the OECD's analytical work on international rulemaking with the perspective of an atypical form of international organization
- Study is relevant considering the world's increasing reliance on the deliverables produced by international private standard-setting organisations



International Regulatory Co-operation and
International Organisations

The Case of ASTM International



ASTM International standard-setting activities

"Quick to react to emerging areas in need of standardisation action, notably around key new production technologies." -- OECD



PPE Global Collaboration Forum



To address the numerous challenges facing PPE and accelerate standards development, the community needs a **global collaboration platform** that unifies PPE standardization efforts by leveraging the collective capabilities of the PPE industry



Goal

To establish a common, shared workspace, enabled by and offering digital tools to facilitate collaborative activities and interorganizational communication

Further updates



- ASTM's application for UN ECOSOC Consultative status;
- Collaboration with UNDRR Private Sector Alliance for Disaster Resilient Societies (ARISE) relative to resilience;
- Dialogue with WHO's Health Emergencies Program team on Barrier Face Coverings standards;
- 2020 creation of ASTM DE&I Council and approval of DE&I statement;
- Support for Women in 3D Printing.





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