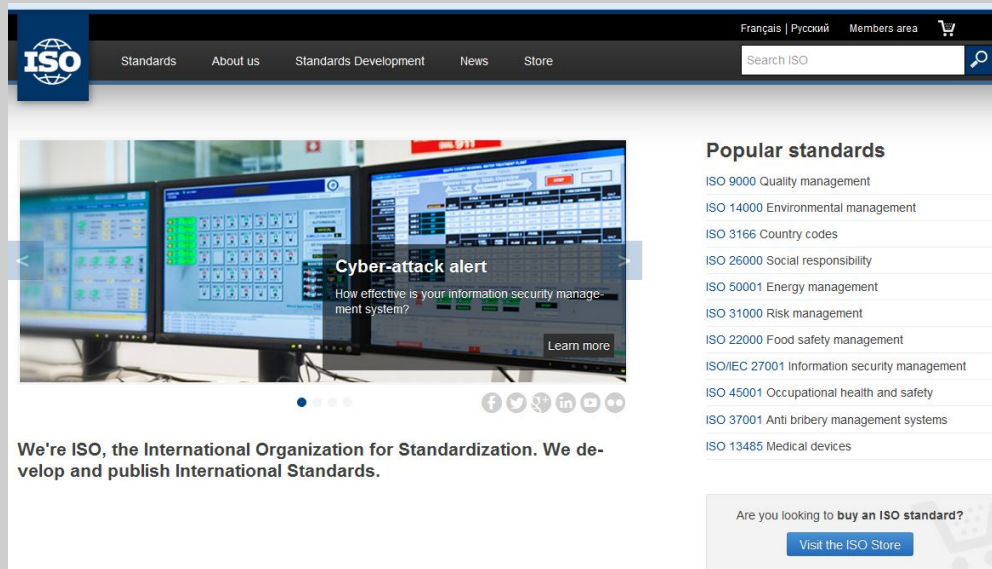


Home Page



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International Standard Organization

Brief History

ISO is an independent, non-governmental international organization with a membership of 163 national standards bodies. Through its members, it brings together experts to share knowledge and develop voluntary, consensus-based, market relevant International Standards that support innovation and provide solutions to global challenges. The organization today known as ISO began in 1926 as the International Federation of the National Standardizing Associations (ISA). It was suspended in 1942 during World War II, but after the war ISA was approached by the recently formed United Nations Standards Coordinating Committee

(UNSCC) with a proposal to form a new global standards body. In October 1946, ISA and UNSCC delegates from 25 countries met in London and agreed to join forces to create the new International Organization for Standardization; the new organization officially began operations in February 1947.

Scope and Coverage

It was one of the first organizations granted general consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council. ISO International Standards ensure that products and services are safe, reliable and of good quality. For business, they are strategic tools that reduce costs by minimizing waste and errors, and increasing productivity. They help companies to access new markets, level the playing field for developing countries and facilitate free and fair global trade.

Kind of Information

International Standards are the backbone of our society, ensuring the safety and quality of products and services, facilitating international trade and improving the environment in which we live in. Conformity to International Standards helps reassure consumers those products, systems and organizations are safe, reliable and good for the environment. International Standards are strategic tools and guidelines to help companies tackle some of the most demanding challenges of modern business. They ensure that business operations are as efficient as possible, increase productivity and help companies access new markets. ISO standards help businesses to **Cut costs**, through improved systems and processes; Increase **customer satisfaction**, through improved safety, quality and processes; **Access new markets**, through ensuring the compatibility of products and services; Reduce their impact on the **environment**.

ISO 9001, for example, has been shown to improve sales, customer satisfaction, corporate image and market share (Manders 2014) and ISO 14001 has been shown to have a positive impact on environmental performance (de Vries et al, 2012).

Special Features

- The ISO website provides International standard related news.
- The ISO has published many magazines.
- Popular standards are highlighted in the home page of the website.

Arrangement Pattern

There are three ways to find the standard in this website:

Browse by ICS (International Classification for Standards): ICS is a way of classifying standards into fields such as electrical engineering or paper technology.

Browse by TC (technical committees). ISO standards are developed by experts from TCs focusing on all kinds of different subjects from screw threads to shipping technology. By clicking on the TC you can see all the standards published by this group of experts.

Searching by standards catalogue using a key word or the number of the standard (all ISO standards are numbered) for example 'quality management' or '9001' to find ISO 9001.

The ISO store available in this website make possible to know about the ISO standards. It provides option to search for a code from the "Country Code Collections". The collection contains the codes from parts 1, 2 and 3 of ISO 3166 in 3 different formats: .xml, .csv, and .xls.

Remarks

The **International Organization for Standardization (ISO)** is an international standard-setting body composed of representatives from various national standards organizations. ISO standards draw on international expertise and experience and are therefore a vital resource for governments when developing public policy.

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