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ASTM AND CEN EXTEND AND EXPAND COOPERATION PROGRAM

CEN, the European Committee for Standardization, and ASTM International have agreed to extend and expand a Technical Cooperation Agreement from 2019 with the objective to broaden and facilitate global dialogue and coordination in specific standardization areas of mutual interest.

The updated Agreement affirms and reinvigorates a framework agreed in 2019 for technical cooperation and information exchange between the two standardization organizations, thus facilitating dialogue and convergence on the technical requirements and related attributes of standards development, and preventing duplication of efforts, for the benefit of their respective stakeholders.

By extending and expanding this important Agreement, ASTM International and CEN reaffirm their commitment to a series of practical actions to implement their cooperation, specifically in the technical areas of common interest between ASTM International and CEN:

- Explore opportunities to collaborate within their respective standards development process;
- Facilitate technical standardization dialogue between their technical bodies;
- Share information on their standards development activities and emerging technologies, trends, or regulatory drivers of mutual interest for the benefit of the stakeholders.

Furthermore, in advancing their cooperation, ASTM International and CEN extend and expand their pilot program to include the following identified technical groups of common interest.

For CEN:

- [CEN/TC 249 'Plastics'](#), whose Secretariat is held by the [Belgian Bureau for Standardization \(NBN\)](#);
- [CEN/TC 19 'Gaseous and liquid fuels, lubricants and related products of petroleum, synthetic and biological origin'](#), whose Secretariat is held by the [Nederlands Normalisatie-instituut \(NEN\)](#);
- [CEN/TC 411 'Bio-based products'](#), whose Secretariat is held by the [Nederlands Normalisatie-instituut \(NEN\)](#);
- [CEN/TC 366 'Materials obtained from End-of-Life Tyres \(ELT\)'](#) whose Secretariat is held by the [Ente Nazionale Italiano di Unificazione \(UNI\)](#);

For ASTM:

- [ASTM Committee D02 on "Petroleum Products, Liquid Fuels, and Lubricants"](#), for specific activities of mutual interest;
- [ASTM sub-Committee D20.95 on "Recycled Plastics"](#);
- [ASTM sub-Committee D20.96 on "Environmentally Degradable Plastics and Biobased Products"](#);
- [ASTM Committee D36 on "Recovered Carbon Black"](#) and [D11 on "Rubber and Rubber-like materials"](#), with a focus on tyres and rubber products that can be recovered carbon black.

CEN

CEN (the European Committee for Standardization) is recognised by the European Union (EU) and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) as one of the official European Standardization Organisations. The standards it develops set out specifications and procedures in relation to a wide range of materials, processes, products and services.

The members of CEN are the National Standardization Bodies of 34 European countries. European Standards (ENs) and other standardization deliverables adopted by CEN are accepted and recognised in all of these countries.

European Standards (ENs) contribute to enhancing safety, improving quality, facilitating cross-border trade and strengthening the European Single Market. They are developed through a process of collaboration among experts nominated by business and industry, research institutes, consumer and environmental organizations, trade unions and other stakeholders. CEN works to promote the international alignment of standards in the framework of technical cooperation agreements with ISO (International Organization for Standardization).

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ASTM International

ASTM International is a globally recognized leader in the development and delivery of voluntary consensus standards. Today, over 12,000 ASTM standards are used around the world to improve product quality, enhance health and safety, strengthen market access and trade, and build consumer confidence.

Our leadership in international standards development is driven by the contributions of our members: more than 30,000 of the world's top technical experts and business professionals representing 140 countries. Working in an open and transparent process and using ASTM's advanced IT infrastructure, our members create the test methods, specifications, classifications, guides and practices that support industries and governments worldwide.

We welcome and encourage participation from around the world. Our open consensus process, using advanced Internet-based standards development tools, ensures worldwide access for all interested individuals.

ASTM International standards are the tools of customer satisfaction and competitiveness for companies across a wide range of markets. Through more than 140 technical standards-writing committees, we serve a broad range of industries: metals, construction, petroleum, consumer products and many more. When new industries — like nanotechnology, additive manufacturing and industrial biotechnology — look to advance the growth of cutting-edge technologies through standardization, many of them come to ASTM International.

ASTM standards are passports to a successful global trading strategy. Our high quality, market-relevant standards, developed in accordance with the guiding principles of the World Trade Organization, fuel trade by opening new markets and creating new trading partners for enterprises everywhere. For businesses ranging from Fortune 500 leaders to emerging startups, our standards help level the playing field to foster competition in the global economy.

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