#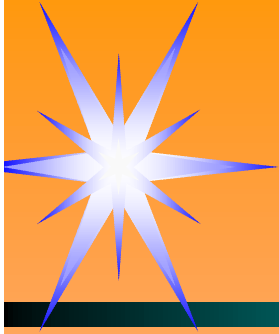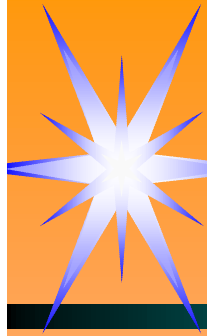 MALAYSIA'S EXPERIENCE IN IMPLEMENTING CODE OF GOOD PRACTICE FOR THE PREPARATION, ADOPTION AND APPLICATION OF STANDARDS, Annex 3 WTO/TBT Agreement

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MALAYSIAN WTO/TBT ENQUIRY POINT

SIRIM BERHAD

MALAYSIA

MALAYSIAN STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT STRUCTURE

- Department of Standards Malaysia (DSM) is the National Standards Body for Malaysia established under Standards of Malaysia Act 1996.

- SIRIM Berhad is appointed as the sole national standards development agency by DSM.

- DSM is responsible for all policy matters with regard to standardisation and operational responsibility is delegated to SIRIM Berhad.

DSM'S AND SIRIM BERHAD'S TASKS

DSM

* Standards policy development and implementation
* Participation in International and Regional Bodies
* Accreditation of laboratories and certification bodies

SIRIM Berhad

* Managing the standards development infrastructure
* Managing Malaysian representation in regional and international standards bodies
* Publishing, printing, selling and distributing Malaysian Standards

Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation

Department of Standards Malaysia

Malaysian Standards and Accreditation Council -Policy & Advisory

Department of Standards Malaysia - National standards & Accreditation Body

National Standards Committee

National Accreditation Committee

National IEC Committee

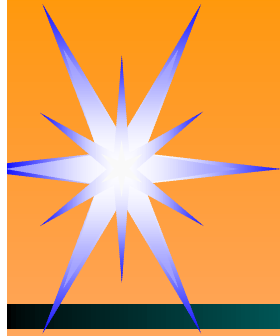Development & Use of Malaysian Standards

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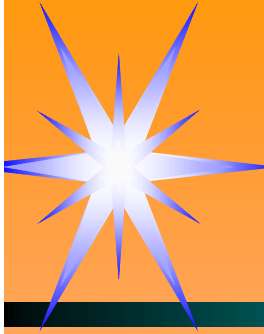
Malaysian Participation in IEC

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20 Sectorial Committees Overseeing National Standards Development
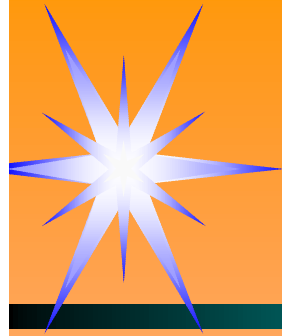
External Technical Committees (SWOs)

NATIONAL STANDARDS INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGED

Sectorial Committes   20

Technical Committees/Working Groups   234

Current standards projects undertaken   600

Standards-Writing Organisations (SWOs)   14

Committees members involved   2,400

ACCEPTANCE OF GOOD PRACTICE FOR THE PREPARATION, ADOPTION AND APPLICATION OF STANDARDS
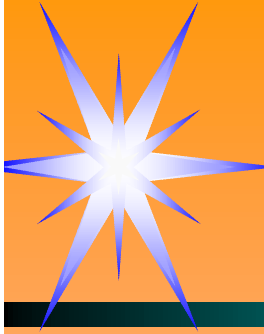
DSM has accepted   the WTO TBT Code of the   Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards

STANDARDS OF MALAYSIA ACT

REQUIREMENTS IN STANDARDS OF MALAYSIA ACT (ARTICLES 15 (1), (5) & 15 (3),

➢ **Requirements to publish in Government Gazette:**
   - approvals
   - withdrawals

➢ **Mandatory provisions for opportunity to comment before adoption of standards**
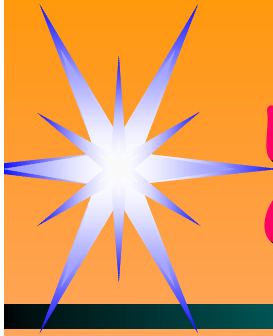
IMPLEMENTATION OF CODE OF GOOD PRACTICE

Policies and procedures governed by Quality Manual-

Quality manual specifies:

➢ Adherence to Code of Good Practice

➢ ISO/IEC Guide 59:1994, Code of Good Practice for Standardization
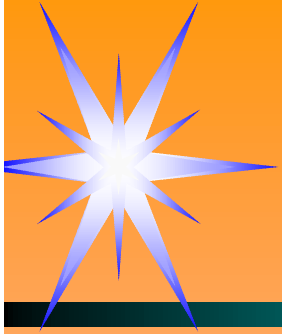
ENSURING COMPLIANCE TO CODE OF GOOD PRACTICE

<u>Quality Manual by Operating Procedures and Work Instructions:</u>

Operating Procedures to ensure:

➢ process for obtaining public comment (Para L of CGP)

➢ process for establishing consensus approval and ensuring balanced participation (Para H and of CGP)

➢ Prompt publication of standards (Para O of CGP)

➢ Harmonising with International standards (Para F of CGP)

➢ Publication of work programme (Para J of CGP)

STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT PROCESS FOR MALAYSIAN STANDARDS

Process Flow	Notes
Publication of Malaysian Standards	Publication in Government Gazette
↑	
Approval by Minister	
↑	
Verification by DSM	
↑	
Sectorial Committee Acceptance of Final Draft	
↑	
Review of Public Comments	
↑	
Issue for Public Comment	Announcement in newspapers/website
↑	
Committee Draft	
↑	
Working Draft	
↑	
Acceptance of project by the Sectorial Committee & Project Registered	Announcement of approved projects in newspapers/website
↑	
Request for New Standard	Request from any interested party

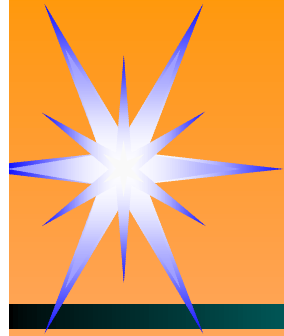**Workprogramme of National Standards Development is published in Standards and Quality News /Website**

PUBLIC COMMENT (Para L of CGP)

All draft Malaysian Standards are issued for public comment by announcement in national newspapers and publication on SIRIM Berhad's website for a comment period of sixty (60) days.
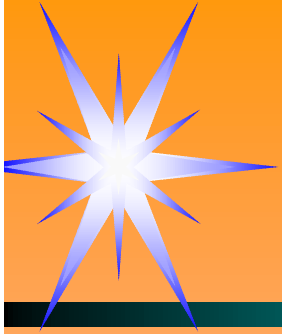(URL:http://www.sirim.my/std_dev/public_comment_page htm), *Release -1st day of February, April, June, August, October and December*

All draft Malaysian Standards (except) total adoption drafts can be downloaded from SIRIM Berhad's website free of charge.
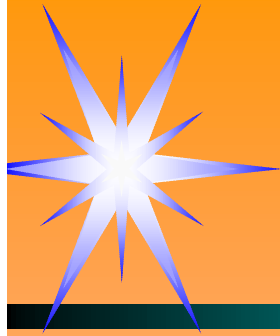
PARTICIPATION AND COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES

Participation in Standards Development is accessible to all interested parties through representation at:

> Sectorial Committees (ISCs);

> Technical Committees (TCs);

> Working Groups (WGs); and

> Public comment process.

PARTICIPATION AND COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES

- ➢ GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

- ➢ TRADE AND MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATIONS

- ➢ PROFESSIONAL BODIES

- ➢ RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS

- ➢ CONSUMER ASSOCIATIONS
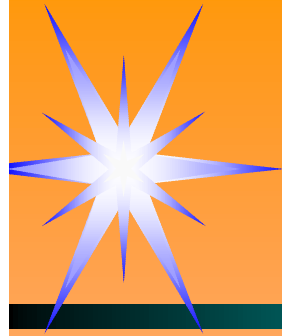
- ➢ INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING

- ➢ INDUSTRIES

CONSENSUS - ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA FOR MALAYSIAN STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT (Para H of CGP)

CRITICAL STAGES IN MALAYSIAN STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT

Consensus based approval:

1. New project approval
2. Release for public comment
3. Submission for Sectorial Committee acceptance
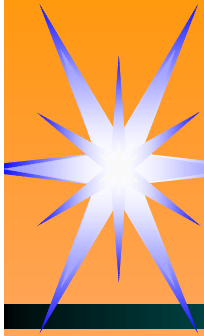4. Sectorial Committee acceptance

TRANSPARENCY (Para J of CGP)

<u>Publication of work programme</u>

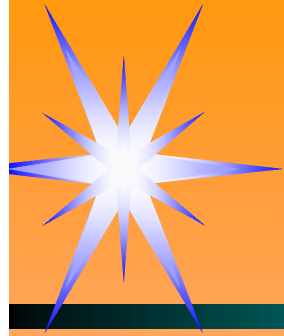- Work programme is published in Standards and Quality News and SIRIM Berhad's website http://www.sirim.my

- Approved new work items are announced in news paper and SIRIM Berhad website http://www.sirim.my
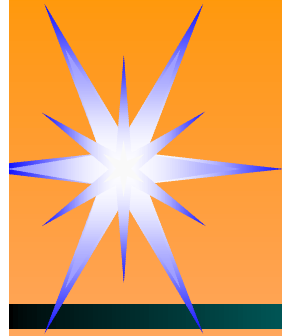
TRANSPARENCY IN DEVELOPMENT OF MS

- Announcement of approved new work item*

- Announcement of drafts for Public comment*

- Publication of work programme*

- Announcement of approved/withdrawal of standards*

- Publication of approved standard in Government Gazette

- Sales of Malaysian Standards

- Catalogue of MS - searchable online at SIRIM's web

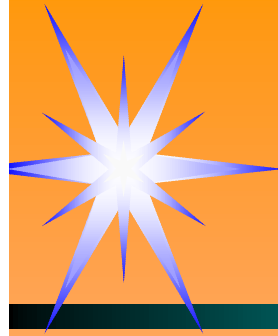* Media: Website/newspapers/Standards Quality News

ISONET MEMBER (Para K of CGP)

➢ **DSM is a National Member**

➢ **SIRIM Berhad is an Associate Member**

HARMONISATION (Para F of CGP)

ALIGNMENT OF MALAYSIAN STANDARDS TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

It is a policy for Malaysia to adopt or use relevant parts of International Standards (where relevant) as a basis in the development of Malaysian Standards
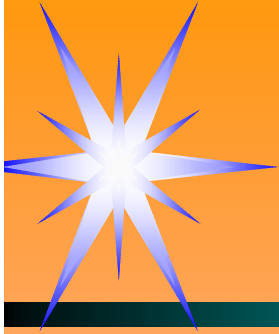
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ALIGNMENT OF MALAYSIAN STANDARDS TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

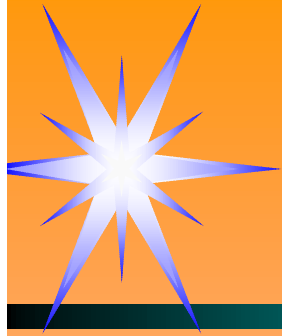**In 1996 (26 % of MS aligned to International Standards)**

In 2004 (49 % MS aligned to International Standards)

PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL STANDARDISATION (Para G of CGP)

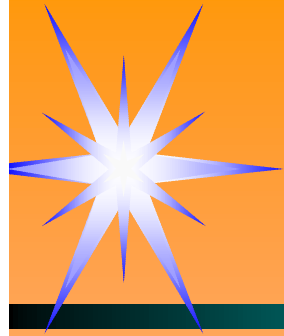Malaysia is a member of various International standardisation Organisation:

➢ **International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) - Department of Standards Malaysia**

➢ **International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)**

➢ **CODEX Alimentarius – Codex Contact Point - Ministry of Health Malaysia**

➢ **International Telecommunication Union (ITU) - Communications and Multimedia Commission**

PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL STANDARDISATION (Para G of CGP)

MALAYSIA'S PARTICIPATION IN ISO & IEC 2004

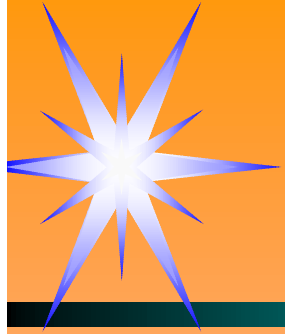|	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Participating member	74	70	66	58	52
Observer member	122	119	120	120	68
Meetings attended		25	6	14	13
New projects		2	2	0	0
Votes submitted		520	403	382	318
Meetings Hosted	5	2	1	2	2
Chairs & Convenorships	6	6	6	4	3

PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL STANDARDISATION (Para G of CGP)

Participation at Policy Level

ISO Council member: elected for 3 terms since 1991

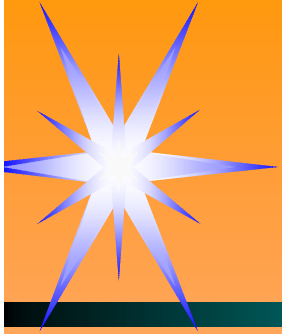TMB : Current member and 2 previous terms since 1996

NOTE. Malaysia became a member of ISO in 1969

PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL STANDARDISATION (Para G of CGP)

ACTIONS TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION

- Promotional and educational events on benefits of participation

- Hosting international standards meetings

- Combining national and mirror committees

- Supply of information on international standards to committees and other stakeholders

- Support for attendance at international meetings

THANK YOU