

The National Standards System (NSS) is Canada's network of people and organizations involved in the development, promotion and implementation of standards. Through the collaborative effort of the system's members, standards help advance the social and economic well being of the country and safeguard the health and safety of Canadians.

SYSTEM

Overseen by the Standards Council of Canada, the National Standards System (NSS) consists of over 350 organizations and 15,000 volunteers.

For more information about the National Standards System, or to order copies of this poster contact the Standards Council of Canada. (613) 238 3222, info@scc.ca, or visit, www.scc-ccn.ca.

PARTICIPANTS, BENEFICIARIES AND PARTI

Industry relies on the standa conformity assessment services of the NSS to develop and market products globally. \
Industry's participation helps ensure standards and standards strategies are good for business

CONSUMERS AND

NON-GOVERNMENTAL Z

ORGANIZATIONS

environment, health, safety and

privacy. Consumers and NGO

representatives bring the human

standards and standards strategies.

element to the development of



CALIBRATION AND **TESTING LABORATORIES**

Calibration and testing laborator equipment to verify that they meet he requirements of specific standards.



CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT

STANDARDS COUNCIL OF CANADA

The Standards Council of Canada oversees the National Standards System. It accredits standardization organizations, verifying that they have the resources, structures a expertise to deliver trustworthy services. The dards Council approves National Standards of da and also represents Canada in key regional and international standardization forums.

INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL STANDARDIZATION BODIES

International and regional standardization bodies work towards the global harmonization of standards to liberalize trade, address common societal issues and safeguard consumers. Their work towards the international acceptance of conformity assessment reports and marks, can make it less costly and time consuming to have products approved.

INSPECTION BODIES

Inspection bodies assess the safety and fitness for use of specific products and materials, confirming that the associated facilities, equipment and systems are appropriate to the work being performed. nspections are not limited to physical assets

appropriate to the work being performed



and can also include the assessment of services.

PERSONNEL CERTIFIERS

These organizations assess an individuals' competencies to ensure that they are



PRODUCT/SERVICE CERTIFICATION BODIES

Certification organizations provide ongoing, independent, thir party evaluations to determine that a product or service meets standards. Certified products

usually display a certification mark.

MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS CERTIFICATION BODIES

Management system standards / like the ISO 9000 and ISO 14000 series help organizations to produce consistent quality or to address environmental impact Certification bodies provide objective third-party assessment that a management

system has all of the necessary components and that it is being consistently applied.

GOVERNMENTS

Governments rely on the NSS to help them négotiate trade agreements as part of the regulatory system. Government participation ensures that the NSS supports trade and public policy.



STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT

organizations work with some 15,000

Canada's standards development

volunteers to develop Canadian standards and adopt or adapt

international standards for use in

ORGANIZATIONS

