

Preface

About the Working Group

Under the auspices of the Federal Government Task Force on Europe 1992, the Working Group on Standards Testing and Certification is charged with assessing, for Canadian business interests, the implications of the European Community's (EC's) policy on technical standards. The object is to enhance awareness of this EC policy among those in Canada that need to know. Specifically, the Working Group is to:

- identify, monitor, and review EC measures on standards and technical harmonization for the EC's internal market;
- assess and evaluate those measures that may offer particular opportunities or that appear to be of concern to Canada;
- develop recommendations for action.

The Working Group includes representatives of federal agencies and departments with regulatory, economic, and trade-related responsibilities—including members of the Interdepartmental Committee on Standards Policy (ICSP)—and representatives of the Standards Council of Canada (SCC). The Interdepartmental Committee on Standards Policy (ISP) includes representatives from:

- External Affairs and International Trade Canada (*Chair*)
- Agriculture Canada
- Atomic Energy of Canada
- Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation
- Communications Group
- Consumer and Corporate Affairs
- Energy, Mines and Resources
- Environment Canada
- Fisheries and Oceans
- Forestry Canada
- Health and Welfare Canada
- Industry, Science and Technology Canada
- Labour Canada
- National Defence
- National Research Council
- Supply and Services Canada
- Transport Canada
- The Standards Council of Canada (*Associate member*)