

AMENDMENTS 001-009

by the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

Report

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Decisions of European standardisation organisations

Proposal for a regulation (COM(2022)0032 – C9-0033/2022 – 2022/0021(COD))

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3) European standards and European standardisation deliverables play an important role for the internal market. For instance, harmonised standards may be used to confer a presumption that products to be made available on the market are in conformity with the essential requirements that are laid down in the relevant Union harmonisation legislation for those products when they comply with the harmonised standards.

(3) European standards and European standardisation deliverables play an important role for the internal market ***and consumer protection. Standards do not regulate solely the technical aspect of a product or service, but they also play an important role for workers, citizens and the environment.*** For instance, harmonised standards may be used to confer a presumption that products to be made available on the market are in conformity with the essential requirements that are laid down in the relevant Union harmonisation legislation for those products when they comply with the harmonised standards, ***while ensuring the quality and safety of products and services for consumers and protecting the environment.***

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) In the past years, the practices in the European standardisation organisations as regards their internal governance and decision-making procedures have changed. As a result, the European standardisation organisations have increased their co-operation with international and European stakeholders. Such cooperation is welcome as it contributes to the transparent, open, impartial and consensus-built standardisation process. *However*, when European standardisation organisations execute standardisation requests to support Union legislation and policies, unrestricted ***participation of any stakeholder in their*** internal decision-making ***may*** lead to decisions that do not entirely take into account the ***interests***, policy objectives, and values of the Union as well as public interests in general.

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4) In the past years, the practices in the European standardisation organisations as regards their internal governance and decision-making procedures have changed. As a result, the European standardisation organisations have increased their co-operation with international and European stakeholders. Such cooperation is welcome as it contributes to the transparent, open, impartial and consensus-built standardisation process. ***Nevertheless***, when European standardisation organisations execute standardisation requests to support Union legislation and policies, unrestricted ***access to*** internal decision-making ***concerning work programmes or priorities could*** lead to decisions that do not entirely take into account the policy objectives and values of the Union, as well as public interests in general.

(4a) In order to ensure sound procedure and balanced representation of stakeholders' interests, the role, the participation and the input of relevant stakeholders, including those representing inter alia SMEs and environmental, social and consumer interests, should be strengthened, and made more inclusive through the establishment of a multi-stakeholder approach. The views of, and the input from, relevant stakeholders should be taken into account in European standardisation organisations. The decisions of national standardisation bodies should reflect the outcome of the

Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) National standardisation bodies play an essential role in the standardisation system, both, at the Union level, in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012, and at the level of Member States. National standardisation bodies are therefore best placed to make sure that the interests, policy objectives and values of the Union as well as public interests in general are duly taken into account in European standardisation organisations. It is therefore necessary to strengthen their role in decision-making bodies of the European standardisation organisations when those bodies take decisions concerning European standards and European standardisation deliverables requested by the Commission under Article 10(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012.

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Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) The decision-making bodies of the European standardisation organisations are open to participation not only by national standardisation bodies, but also by national standardisation organisations of acceding countries, candidate countries ***and*** potential ***candidates to*** the Union, ***among others***. In

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(6) The decision-making bodies of the European standardisation organisations are open to participation not only by national standardisation bodies, but also by national standardisation organisations of acceding countries, candidate countries, potential ***candidate countries and countries which***

order to avoid excluding those organisations from participation in the work of decision-making bodies concerned, it is only necessary to provide that the decisions in those bodies concerning European standards and European standardisation deliverables requested under Article 10(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 be taken exclusively by representatives of national standardisation **bodies, without** imposing any other requirements on the work of the decision-making bodies of the European standardisation organisations.

have concluded an agreement with the Union to ensure regulatory convergence or compatibility with the legal acts of the Union in those areas of the internal market that are relevant to European standardisation organisation's activities.

In order to avoid excluding those organisations from participation in the work of decision-making bodies concerned, it is only necessary to provide that the decisions in those bodies concerning European standards and European standardisation deliverables requested under Article 10(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 be taken exclusively by representatives of national standardisation **bodies without** imposing any other requirements on the work of the decision-making bodies of the European standardisation organisations.

Participation by the national standardisation organisations of third countries should not prevent the adoption of any decision concerning European standards and European standardisation deliverables supported by the majority of national standardisation bodies from Member States of the Union and, where applicable, other members of EEA that have been notified as national standardisation bodies in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012.

Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation Recital 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7a) Standardisation procedures entail decisions that require specific work streams, which should be deemed to constitute separate work items. Such work items are initiated to either develop a new or revise, merge, amend or correct an existing European standard or European standardisation deliverable.

Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012

Article 10 – paragraph 2a – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Each European standardisation organisation shall ensure that the following decisions concerning European standards and European standardisation deliverables referred to in paragraph 1 are taken exclusively by representatives of the national standardisation bodies within the competent decision-making body of that organisation:

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Without prejudice to other advisory opinions, each European standardisation organisation shall ensure that the following decisions concerning European standards and European standardisation deliverables referred to in paragraph 1 are taken exclusively by ***national representatives, namely by*** representatives of the national standardisation bodies within the competent decision-making body of that organisation:

Amendment 8

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012

Article 10 – paragraph 2a – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) decisions on the acceptance, refusal ***and execution*** of standardisation requests;

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Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012

Article 10 – paragraph 2a – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) decisions on the acceptance of new work items;

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(b) decisions on the acceptance of new work items ***that are needed for the fulfilment of the standardisation request;***

