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The development of this ISO standard results from a proposal from Standards Australia to develop an international standard that would work to “encourage the development and marketing of water efficient products, enable consumers to clearly identify and purchase the best products within the industry, and positively influence manufacturing to improve the performance of their products through consumer power and information.”

The scope of ISO PC-316 will include the establishment of water efficiency flow rates and consumption values along with key performance test requirements for plumbing products and appliances, specifically: showerheads and mixing valves, faucets/taps, flow control devices, toilets (all types), urinals, flushometer valves, dishwashers for domestic use, clothes washers for domestic use, and the dryer function of combination washer/dryers, where water is used to dry washing loads.

Meeting the requirements of the standard will allow manufacturers to apply an internationally recognized label to their products, identifying them as being both high performing and water efficient. The standard will also be designed to work seamlessly with existing national-based consumer labeling programs already in place, such as the U.S. EPA’s WaterSense program, which has been credited with saving trillions of gallons of potable water and billions of dollars for consumers in reduced water utility bills.

The U.S. TAG will work to develop consensus positions from U.S. stakeholders on the provisions of the standard, which will be submitted to ISO by ANSI. The deadline to submit an application to serve on the U.S. TAG is July 13.

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Interested parties wishing to serve on the U.S. TAG are invited to contact Pete DeMarco at pete.demarco@iapmo.org and include a résumé.

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