

Water Efficiency Labelling: International Standard

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Introduction to Standards Australia

About SA



- Nation's peak non-government, not-for-profit Standards body with 96 years experience and 7000+ standards
- Represents Australia on the International Organisation for Standardization (ISO) and International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
- Trusted partner of the Australian Government with a strong track record of domestic and international program delivery



Our role

What we do

 We facilitate the development of internationally harmonised standards and other solutions that make a positive contribution to Australia



What we don't do

- We do not make laws or regulations
- Test or certify products or systems







What is ISO?

International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO)

- An independent, non-government international organisation with a central secretariat in Geneva, Switzerland that coordinates all Standards programs.
- Membership of over 160 National Standards Bodies (NSB) (on the basis of one member, one country) including Standards Australia.
- Develops International Standards (over 21,000) and other deliverables for products, services and processes.
- Consists of approximately 250 technical committees and 500 subcommittees who develop the International Standards.



Standards Australia represents Australia at the ISO and IEC



Multi-discipline and cross-sector, including conformity assessment



Electro-technology, including medical devices

ISO Standards Development Process





If proposal is accepted

Working group of experts start discussion to prepare a working draft

3 1st working draft shared with technical committee and with ISO CS

If consensus is reached within the TC

Draft shared with all ISO national members, who are asked to comment

If consensus is reached

Final draft sent to all ISO members

If standard is approved by member vote

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Preliminary and Proposal Stage

Preliminary work items and New work item proposal (PWI or NWIP)

Preparatory Stage

Working draft (WD)

Committee Stage

Committee draft (CD)

Enquiry Stage

Enquiry draft, i.e. Draft International Standards (ISO/DIS)

Approval Stage

Final Draft International Standard (FDIS)

Publication Stage

International Standard (ISO, IEC or ISO/IEC)





How we got here – Developing an International Proposal



Consultation with Department of Agriculture & Water Resources

Consultation with ISO Member Countries

ISO - New Work Item Proposal

Approved by ISO Members & ISO Technical Management Board (TMB)

Chair & Secretariat Allocation

ISO/PC 316 Water Efficient Products - Banding launched Standards Australia allocated the Chair & Secretariat function

First Meeting – 24 - 26 July 2018

ISO/PC 316 Membership





Scope of the proposed International Standard

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Standardisation in the field of water efficient products – Bandings. This will likely include:

- Water Efficiency Banding to indicate water efficiency of water-using fittings and appliances for consumer labelling – What will it look like?
- Key test requirements for individual plumbing products and appliances and determination to derive a water efficiency banding
- Flow rates
- Comfort levels



Products in Scope

- Showers (Showerheads and Mixers)
- Tap equipment (Taps and Mixers)
- Flow controllers
- Lavatory equipment (Dual-flush low capacity flushing cisterns, sitting toilets and squat toilets)
- Urinal equipment (Urinal flush valves)
- Dishwashers for household use
- The dryer function of combination washer/dryers, where they use water to dry washing loads





Benefits of the proposed International Standard

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Industry and Commerce

- Access to new international markets which comply to the same standards
- Enhanced consumer loyalty and product differentiation

Government

More water for other purposes (i.e. Agriculture and Food security)

Consumers

- Reduced household expenditure on water bills
- Empowerment to make choices regarding consumer products





ISO/PC 316 – 1st Plenary Meeting

- Date: 24th to 26th July 2018
- Location: Sydney, Australia
- Agenda:
 - Introduction of new ISO Project Committee
 - Reports from Member Bodies
 - Confirmation of Title & Scope
 - Program of Future Work



