

# Annual Report of an ANSI/OEOSC TAG to ISO TC172 Subcommittee Covering the Year 2014

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**TAG Subcommittee Number and Name: TC 172/SC7**

**TAG Subcommittee Leader: Jeff Endres**

## **ISO Meetings Held During 2014**

Subcommittee, Working, or Project Group Meeting Name	Date(s)	Location
SC7 – Ophthalmic Optics	February 23-25, 2014	Clearwater, Florida
SC7 – Ophthalmic Optics	August 24-26, 2014	Clearwater, Florida

## **ISO Meetings Scheduled for 2015**

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SC7 Plenary Meeting	May 11-15, 2015	Shanghai, China
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## **Significant Accomplishments in 2014**

### **ISO Subcommittee**

Members of the ANSI ASC Z80 committee SC7 TAG helped defer a regulatory action in the EU that was estimated would have cost the public and the sunglass industry about 130 million Euro. Although countries in the EU are bound by law to accept ISO/CE standards, it normally takes 3-5 years for this process to take place, in which case the product supply chain is run clean. In a departure from the norm the EU Commission unexpectedly adopted the new standards early (less than 6 months) rendering the stock in

the global supply chain (10-14 months process) obsolete. Working in conjunction with other entities, members of the ASC Z80 and TAG community lobbied the EC informative bodies and aided in delaying the implementation and promulgation of the law for one year, such that safe and conforming existing stock on shelves could be sold and the global stocks depleted.

In 2014 the 7 Z80 Sub Committee experts contributed to the updating of 12 domestic and many ISO standards, advanced through the process of regularly scheduled revision.

The general areas of accomplishment include updates for adjustable–power lenses, ready-readers with bifocal additions, a revision of standards for intraocular lenses and implantable glaucoma devices, updated standards for tonometers, and changes to contact lenses standards in relation to infections due to acanthamoeba infections.

ISO TC172 Working Groups 8 and 10 were disbanded following completion of their work.

#### **US TAG Subcommittee**

In May of 2015, the global community of SC7 experts will be meeting in Shanghai, China. We have informally been made aware that the Australian National organization is exploring an option to host the Fall 2016 ISO TC172 SC7 meeting, in the city of Sydney. Due to the traditional cycle of nations hosting on the various continents, it falls to the US TAG to consider making an offer to the world community to host the general plenary that will take place in the Spring of 2018. These organizational duties would be managed by the ASC Z80 secretariat.

### **Significant Problems Encountered in 2014**

#### **ISO Subcommittee**

No problems of significance were encountered in 2014 that effected the work of the ISO committee.

#### **US TAG Subcommittee**

In 2014 legal proceedings through a Federal court directed Federal agencies, such as the FDA, to work under the voluntary standards process as indicated in existing guidelines, such that the FDA and other agencies do not take unilateral actions.

The Community is monitoring a Federal (congressional) move to require standards cited in Federal guidelines to be made available for no charge to the public; while it is those very fees that support the standards activity and make the standards possible.

### **Projections for 2015**

### **ISO Subcommittee**

Under TC 172 SC7, it is anticipated that WG8 will be reconvened while the community is gathered in Shanghai, in order to undertake a new work item proposal for review and update of ISO 16284 standard, which pertains to machine data communication.

### **TAG Subcommittee**

The TAG to TC712 SC7 is a robust community of experts, however it is our goal to increase communication across the community and pursue greater participation and broader expertise.