

**TO ALL NATIONAL COMMITTEES**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Trial for the reduction of CDV enquiry time

A proposal for shortening the development time of IEC standards, which is of a particular importance in the areas of fast developing technologies, was submitted by the Finnish National Committee to the Standardization Management Board (SMB) as a request to reduce the CDV enquiry time from 5 to 3 months at least in special cases.

During its February 2011 meeting, the SMB discussed the above proposal and agreed upon the following decision:

SMB Decision 140/11 – *Trial for the reduction of CDV enquiry time* – SMB/4401/NCP

SMB considered the proposal from the Finnish NC to shorten the CDV enquiry time of IEC draft standards from 5 to 3 months in special cases at the discretion of the TC and decided to ask three TCs, TC 40, TC 86, TC 100, to have a trial period of 1 year, for SMB re-evaluation taking into consideration all the stakeholders involved.

National Committees are requested to note that the CDV documents to be circulated in the next 12 months from TC 40, TC 86, SC 86A, SC 86B, SC 86C and TC 100 (TA1 to TA14) will have a voting period of 3 months. Feedback from all stakeholders involved in this 1 year trial period will be used by the SMB in evaluating the process.

The cover page of all CDVs concerned will include a clear warning concerning the reduced CDV voting time.

Yours faithfully,

A. AMIT
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