

About Standards Development Program

The Bureau of Product Standards (BPS) is the national standards body of the Philippines recognized by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). In the same way that ISO develops and maintains international standards, BPS through the Standards Development Program formulates Philippine National Standards (PNS) through its Technical Committee Method and Fast Track Method.

As of this date, a total of 69 BPS technical committees for various products have been established. The technical staff of the Standards Development Program also known as Action Team 1 (AT1) act as project managers of these technical committees. Representatives from sectors such as academe, consumer, trade/industry, professional, government agencies, research institutions, and testing institutions compose the technical committees.

The Standards Development Program is headed by a Division Chief and is divided into 3 main groups, namely: the building, construction and transport group, electrical and electronic products group, chemical and consumer products group. An administrative group ably supports the division in the standards development process.

AT1 participates in the international standardization activities of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) and also participates actively in the harmonization of standards to international standards in Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), Asean Consultative Committee on Standards and Quality (ACCSQ) and Asia European Meeting (ASEM).

As an ISO-member body, BPS through Standards Development Program participates in the development of international standards. BPS, on behalf of the Philippines, is a participant-member in 28 ISO Technical Committees (ISO/TC) and an observer-member in 46 ISO/TC. Based in Geneva, the ISO is at present composed of national standards bodies from more than 100 countries.