

National Standards

- DIN - Deutsche Industrie Norm
- BS - British Standard etc.

European Standards

are mandatory for all EU member countries including the associative countries Norway, Iceland and Switzerland. EU member countries are: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italia, Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

- CEN - Comité Européen de Normalisation
- EN XXX - European Norm
- prEN XXX - Preliminary European Norm (Draft, no final Standard)

In case a European standard is published, national standards with the same content automatically become obsolete within the EU member countries.

Worldwide Standards

- ISO - International Standard Organization
- ISO XXX - International Standard
- ISO/DIS XXX - Draft International Standard (no final version)

ISO members are the national standard organizations of all European countries, USA, Japan and many other countries.

In 2005 many EN and ISO standards merged to one identical EN ISO standard.

- EN ISO XXX - International Standard, taken over as European standard as well

In 2016 USA also adopted the ISO standards as AAMI ISO XXX standards.