

## National Center for Standards and Certification Information (NCSCI) Policy

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Documentary standards include:

- Product standards and specifications to establish qualities or requirements for a product
- Process standards to specify requirements to be met by a process (example: assembly line operation)
- Performance standards to describe desired functions
- Design standards to define product specifications
- National standards developed and promulgated through a National Standards Body (example: ANSI)
- International standards developed by international organizations (examples: ISO, IEC)

### Helpful Tips:

- For general information, see: *A Guide to Documentary Standards* at URL: <http://gsi.nist.gov/global/index.cfm/L1-5/L2-44/A-333>  
Additional related documents can be viewed at URL: <http://gsi.nist.gov/global/index.cfm/L1-5/L2-44/A-327>
- Some U.S. standards developing organizations MAY offer equivalent international standards; ASTM, for example: [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org). Search for “exact title” or a few keywords. Note that in the USA, standards are voluntary unless incorporated by reference into the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). A searchable database of standards incorporated into the CFR is available online at: <http://standards.gov/sibr/query/index.cfm>
- You can also try a search for standard equivalences using NSSN, a search engine for standards provided by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI): [www.nssn.org](http://www.nssn.org)
- The World Standards Services Network (WSSN), is a network of publicly accessible World Wide Web servers of standards organizations around the world and may also be useful for locating equivalences: [www.wssn.net](http://www.wssn.net)

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