



Standards Information Center

First stop for standards-related information

The Standards Information Center serves as a starting point to identify information on standards, regulations, conformity assessment and other requirements.

Avoiding export mistakes can increase your company's export volumes by as much as 1-2%. Companies with export volumes of \$500 million or more can recoup up to \$5-10 million annually through compliance with international standards and regulatory requirements.

NIST's Standards Information Center helps U.S. manufacturers and businesses maximize their exports by providing information about national and international standards and regulatory requirements. These requirements are often a first step in product development. The Standards Information Center helps users navigate a complex US and international standards and regulatory landscape.

The Standards Information Center has issued guides on product compliance requirements in specific industry sectors. The guides include information on Federal and State regulatory frameworks, applicable voluntary standards, mandatory technical regulations, and conformity assessment procedures for each sector.

Contact the Standards Information Center for links and general information on obtaining standards and specifications, regulations, and special publications. We can provide you with information on U.S. military specification and federal procurement standards. Email an information specialist at StandardsInfo@nist.gov.

About the Standards Coordination Office

NIST's Standards Coordination Office (SCO) provides standards and conformity assessment expertise and services in support of government and industry. SCO staff works closely with U.S. industry, standards developers, other government agencies, and leaders in the global standards community to build a standards infrastructure that supports innovation and helps businesses thrive. SCO offers a number of online resources and trainings to help agencies and industry navigate the standards process.

Learn more at: <https://nist.gov/director/sco>

Info Center Services include:

- **Research** on national/global standards, current and proposed technical regulations
- **Referrals** to translation services, relevant publications, conformity assessment procedures, technical experts, and other standards-developing organizations
- **Compliance Guides** covering product compliance requirements in specific industry sectors.



SCO in action: Info Center Facilitates U.S.-Brazil Market Access

Large U.S. corporations and trade groups are using NCSI to understand technical product requirements and pave the way for exports to Brazil.

A U.S. consumer goods company with \$2 billion in revenues reports that NCSI and the U.S. Inquiry Point services (both offered through NIST's Standards Coordination Office), have helped to mitigate "export mistakes such as delayed customs clearance, additional shipment costs, delays in getting product to market, and possible lost sales."