

FTC Fiscal Year 2025 Report

1. Please provide a summary of your agency’s activities undertaken to carry out the provisions of OMB Circular A-119, “Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards and in Conformity Assessment Activities.” The summary should contain a link to the agency’s standards-specific website(s) where information about your agency’s standards and conformity assessment related activities are available.

The Federal Trade Commission (“FTC” or “Commission”) is an agency of the United States Government charged with enforcing competition and consumer protection laws. The Commission’s primary contact with voluntary consensus standards and the organizations that produce them is in connection with the enforcement of the Federal Trade Commission Act, which prohibits unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts and practices in or affecting commerce. Consistent with its statutory authority, the Commission occasionally has promulgated consumer protection regulations that incorporate voluntary consensus standards. *See, e.g.*, 16 C.F.R. § 306.5 (provision of FTC’s “Fuel Rating Rule”); 16 C.F.R. § 460.5 (provision of FTC’s “R-Value Rule”). FTC staff monitors complaints about products and may conduct investigations, including testing, to ensure accurate labeling or advertising. The Commission does not participate in the standards development activities of voluntary consensus standards bodies.

To carry out the provisions of OMB Circular A-119, the FTC has designated the Deputy General Counsel for Legal Counsel as its Agency Standards Executive. The FTC’s Office of the General Counsel, under the direction of the Agency Standards Executive, provides advice to FTC staff regarding implementation of revised OMB Circular A-11

2. Please list the government-unique standards your agency used in lieu of voluntary consensus standards during FY 2025:

- **Government Unique Standard:** N/A
- **Voluntary Standard (that was not used):** N/A
- **Rationale (for not using):** N/A

The FTC did not begin using any new Government Unique Standards during FY 2025. However, the FTC continues to use 1 Government Unique Standard (16 C.F.R. § 432.3(e), Standard test conditions), as explained in the FTC’s FY 2024 Report.