

Many standards are issued with the best of intentions but then do not work as intended or add little if any value despite costly and time efforts to comply. This is probably unavoidable when issuing comprehensive new standards - especially in the worker safety area where I've worked for 40 years. The problem is that there is no effort for reviewing these standards after they are issued to ensure they are made faster, safer, better and less expensive on an on-going basis. This is know in the world of Quality Assurance as "continuous quality improvement" and standards/regulations are a great place to apply this approach. All such reviews should be routine with provisions for implementing necessary changes in a timely manner.

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