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Update

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Public Review Process
and its impact on Sponsor Ballot Cycle

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Policy Change: Public Review

- SASB Approved June 2013: A public review shall start simultaneously with the opening of the initial ballot and last for 65 days by April 1, 2015 July 6, 2015
  - Individuals may purchase the initial ballot draft for information only, & have the ability to submit public review comments, without a vote
- Goals:
  - Better aligned with the World Trade Organization (WTO) Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) principles
  - Better positioning as a global SDO
  - Engage a broader community
  - Supports OpenStand principles (open process)
- Completed activities: P&Ps, Functional Spec Development, Technical Spec Development
- Activities in-progress
  - Tool Development and Testing
  - Messaging and Communication
  - Training and FAQs
Cycle Time Comparison

• Public Review Cycle
  - Starts at opening of Initial Sponsor Ballot
  - Lasts for 65 60 days
  - All comments must be considered
  - Comments/Commenters do not represent “Votes”

• Minimum Sponsor Ballot Cycle
  - 30 Days for voting,
  - 40 days advance submittal RevCom pkg in advance of mtg
  - (Usually MUCH more, recircs, comment resolution, editing etc.)
  - **10 day late recirc. results deadline**

• Problem Area
  - RevCom submittal/oversight procedure not defined/public yet
  - **Looks like Public Review comments & responses MAY be submitted at the 10 day pre-RevCom deadline.**
Revcom Issue/Problem

- Presumably RevCom will audit/require report of Public Review process and results
  - Timing of submittal of PR material to Revcom is critical
  - Requirements have not yet been set (at least not publicly)
  - Submit with RevCom Submittal Package = BAD
  - Allowed late submittal (like Recir results) = GOOD
  - Late submittal will preclude any problems in the real world. There could be a delay caused in the most extreme (and unrealistic) best case ballot scenario.
Public Review, what is it?  

- Parallel to Sponsor Ballot “Opportunity to Comment”
  - Just the same as Rogue Comments, only different
  - Just the same as ISO or JTC1 Comments, only different
- Comment Processing Requirements
  - All comments must be considered and responses written
  - RevCom will audit that the above takes place (ergo, it must happen before RevCom submittal)
  - If draft changes “as a result of the comment” the commenter gets a copy of the response and a copy of the revised draft
- Problem Area
  - Public Review comments are entered in a new/different system
  - Being used as test bed for myBallot replacement system
  - DB format compatibility issues.
  - Staff has “volunteered” to move data between systems
THE GOOD NEWS

The likelihood of any significant number of comments is **exceedingly low** based on our experience with Rogue Comments and Sponsor Ballot cycle comments from JTC1.

The Bad News

The incompatibilities with existing systems makes processing comments a huge PITA.