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Preamble

These national standardization rules represent a revision of national standardization rules RS 1:2025, which they replace.

Compared to the previous edition, some adjustments have been made to bring them into line with Law 20 of 04.03.2016, which was amended in accordance with CEN/CENELEC requirements.

These national standardization rules establish the procedure for the development, approval, periodic review, confirmation, revision, amendment, and cancellation of Moldovan standards.

The national standardization rules are developed based on the provisions of ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1 - Procedures for the technical work - Consolidated ISO Supplement - Procedures specific to ISO, Law No. 20 of 16.03.2016 on national standardization, and the CEN/CENELEC Internal Regulations Part 2:2022 Common rules for standardization work and the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (WTO/TBT), Annex 3 Code of Practice. CENELEC Internal Regulations Part 2:2022 Common rules for standardization work and the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (WTO/TBT), Annex 3 Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards, CENELEC Guide 8 The Vilamoura notification procedure for new national work and for the revision of national standards.

1 Goal

These national standardization rules describe how to develop, approve, periodically review, confirm, review, amend and cancel the original Moldovan standards.

In very specific cases, different from those described in the rules, the principle of similarity will apply.

2 References

The following reference documents are indispensable for the application of these rules:

SM SR EN 45020 Standardization and related activities. General Vocabulary

CEN/CENELEC Guide 8 Guidelines for the implementation of the Common Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policy (Patents and other invention-based intellectual property rights)

SR 6 Presentation of Moldovan Standards

SR 7 Structure, drafting and content of Moldovan standards

SR 8 Rules for the establishment and operation of national technical committees

3 Terms and Definitions

For the purposes of these rules, the terms and definitions according to SM SR EN 45020 shall be used, with the following additions:

3.1.

consensus

general agreement of many stakeholders characterized by the absence of sustained opposition to a certain key aspect of the standardization topic, considering the views of each stakeholder and the approximation of possible divergent positions

NOTE - Consensus does not always mean unanimity.

3.2.

periodic review

work to analyze the content of a standard, which checks that the requirements of the standard tally with the state of the art and the provisions of the legislation and establishes whether the standard must be confirmed, amended, revised or canceled, as appropriate

3.3.

draft standard

standardization topic included in the standardization program and successively developed for the publication of a new standard or the amendment/revision of an existing standard

3.4.

national standardization program

annual work program of the national standardization body, containing the list of subjects covered by the standardization activity

3.5.

revision of the standard

step which may result from the periodic review of a standard and which consists in introducing important changes to the content of a standard consistent with the state of the art and the publication of a new edition of the standard

3.6.

original Moldovan standard

standard approved and published by the Institute of Standardization of Moldova (ISM), for whose elaboration the proposal comes from the national level and for which, at the time, there is no international or European standard with the same purpose

3.7.**standstill (*standstill*)**

an obligation accepted by the national members of CEN/CENELEC not to take any action, either during the development of a European standard or after its approval, which could prejudice technical harmonization at European level and not to publish any new or revised original national standard which is contrary to or not fully aligned with the European standard

NOTE - The standstill obligation is also taken over by CEN/CENELEC's affiliated members.

4 General

4.1 The standardization work at national level, including follow-up and coordination with European and international standardization work, shall be carried out within the National Technical Standardization Committees (hereinafter Technical Committees), established by the ISM on a sectoral basis.

4.2 The Moldovan standard is developed, if there is a need for this standard, to solve a real or potential problem common to a wide range of stakeholders.

5 Development of Moldovan standards**5.1 Development phases**

The stages of elaboration of a Moldovan standard are:

- a) new standardization theme (NTS).
- b) pre-project (PA).
- (c) draft committee (CP).
- d) public inquiry project (IP).
- (e) draft standard (PS).
- (f) endorsement of the standard.

During the development of a standard, in duly justified cases, some steps may be cumulated (e.g. if at the new standardization theme stage including the pre-draft standard has been presented, then in the committee the support of the new theme proposal and the commentary on the text of the draft standard, etc. will be examined, as described accordingly at each stage.

5.2 New standardization theme (TNS)

5.2.1 Proposals for new standardization topics, for the development of new Moldovan standards or for the revision of existing standards, may be made by or through technical committees.

5.2.2 All stakeholders, including members of the Technical Committee, may propose new topics for standardization or revision of existing standards, e.g. when they consider that certain requirements, product, design, testing, etc. are not included in other original Moldovan and/or European/international standards adopted as Moldovan standards (step 00.00).

NOTE - Here and below are presented the codes of the stages of elaboration of the Moldovan standards (e.g. 00.20), established according to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) codes. All step codes are given in Annex A.

5.2.3 If an interested party, not being a member of the Technical Committee, deems it necessary to develop a new standard or to revise an existing standard, it shall submit to the ISM that proposal for a new standardization topic to be examined within an appropriate Technical Committee.

5.2.4 Similarly, new standardization topics may be initiated by ISM, if the field is considered important, but no interested party has shown interest.

5.2.5 If there is no technical committee on the subject for which the Moldovan standard is intended to be developed, the interested party submits the proposal for a new topic to ISM and expresses interest in the creation of a technical committee in the manner established by SR 8. Initiative to set up a technical committee may also come from ISM.

5.2.6 The proposal for a new topic for the development of a new standard or for the revision of a standard must be documented and technically and economically justified by the author of the proposal.

5.2.7 Standards may not be drawn up for matters or subjects which are the subject of and must be laid down in binding regulatory acts (laws, government decisions, regulatory authorities' orders, etc.).

5.2.8 The author of the proposal must draw up a background note, containing arguments or information on:

- (a) the title and scope of the new standardization theme.
- (b) the need to develop a new standard.
- (c) description of the actual or potential problem that the new standard is coming to address.
- (d) the circle of users concerned by this issue and the argument that the standard is necessary for the broadest possible circle of users.
- (e) the economic, industrial, etc. advantage obtained from the application of the standard.
- (f) the lack of published or developing European or international standards on the same subject of standardization and purpose.
- (g) description of the link between the proposed new standard and the legislation applicable to the sector.
- (h) a clear indication of whether the subject matter has an impact for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) or not.

NOTE — Justification notes in accordance with Annex B.

5.2.9 Proposals for new standardization topics and those for the revision of standards should be accompanied by a pre-project or at least a summary setting out the main aspects and titles of the corresponding articles of the standard (table of contents).

In some cases, the preliminary draft may be a normative document developed by an international, european, or national organization other than a standardization organization, as well as a national standard of another country. In this situation, in order to be able to use the document as technical support, ISM must ensure that intellectual property rights are respected.

The preliminary draft may also be based on an international standard with a degree of non-equivalence. (see SR 3)

5.2.10 The proposed new standardization theme is subject to prior examination by the ISM on its compliance with these standardization rules. In the event of non-compliance with the proposed new standardization theme, it shall be returned to the party that proposed it. If the proposal complies with the standardization rules, the ISM shall submit the proposal for examination to the appropriate Technical Committee and the support shall be sought within the Technical Committee (step 00.20).

5.2.11 The new standardization theme shall be accepted by ISM (step 10.99), if both of the following conditions are met:

- there is sufficient argument or evidence that there is a real or potential problem that is intended to be solved.
- the new standardization theme is requested and beneficial to a wide circle of users, not only for one interested party.
- there are arguments and data on the advantages in terms of market relevance and impact on the competitiveness of the industry's small and medium-sized enterprises.

5.2.12 The new standardization theme shall be rejected by ISM (step 10.98) if at least one of the following conditions is met:

- at least one condition of 5.2.11 is not satisfied.
- there is a published international or European standard with the same standardization subject and scope.

- the development of a standard with the same or similar standardization theme is initiated at international or European level.
- the subject is fully described and covered by provisions in the legislation, and the drafting of a new standard would describe provisions that are contradictory, inconsistent or excessive compared to those laid down in the legislation or would duplicate the provisions of the legislation.

5.2.13 At this stage the ISM also checks whether similar standardization topics are initiated by other technical committees and that work does not duplicate. If such situations exist, ISM will convene a joint meeting of the two Technical Committees, at which the form of collaboration between the Committees will be discussed, and a common draft will be promoted.

5.2.14 Rejected proposals shall be communicated in writing by the ISM to the author, indicating also the reasons for rejection.

5.2.15 The author may present clarifications, additional arguments or substantial changes to the proposal. The ISM, examining those additional arguments in the light of the requirements of 5.2.11 and 5.2.12, takes a final decision.

5.2.16 ISM shall examine whether the composition of the Technical Committee is sufficiently representative to cover the new standardization theme. If the ISM considers that the participation of a new interested party would be appropriate, the ISM will further remit the invitation to join the technical committee of that entity.

5.2.17 In case of compliance of the proposal with the standardization rules, the ISM shall submit the proposal to the appropriate Technical Committee for examination and the support shall be sought within the Technical Committee (step 00.20).

5.2.18 Thus, within 30 days of receipt, the members of the national technical committee shall examine the following issues related to the new standardization theme:

- the existence of a published or developing European or international standard with the same scope, in which case the proposal shall be rejected.
- market relevance and impact on the competitiveness of companies and small and medium-sized enterprises in the field.
- the possibility of facilitating market access and removing technical barriers to the movement of goods.
- promoting the results of research and innovation.
- the possibility for the standard to be cited in legislation.
- compliance with consumer interests, safety, operational security, labor protection and environmental protection requirements.
- ensuring interoperability.
- other feasibility aspects (if any).

5.2.19 Each member of the Technical Committee must decide whether it considers it necessary to draft a new Moldovan standard and whether it agrees to participate in the development of the standard.

5.2.20 In the event of failure to reply to the proposed new standardization topic by a member of the Technical Committee, the secretary of the Technical Committee will submit a repeated request, setting a new deadline of 15 days for the submission of the opinion. In case of non-response and after the second request, this non-response will be treated as a lack of interest and will be indicated in the minutes as a lack of support for the proposal.

5.2.21 If at the examination stage of the new topic for standardization, including the preliminary draft of the standard, the support or rejection of the proposed new topic will be examined in the Committee. If the topic is defended, the members of the Technical Committee will also comment on the text of the pre-draft standard.

5.2.22 The proposal for a new standardization topic is accepted by the Technical Committee, if supported by at least half of the members.

5.2.23 If the proposal is not supported by the required number of members, the proposal for a standardization theme is deemed rejected (step 00.98).

5.2.24 The secretary of the technical committee shall draw up a summary of the views of the members of the committee and an opinion on whether the new standardization topic has been accepted or rejected.

5.2.25 New accepted basis is assigned a unique registration number, which will become indicative of the future Moldovan standard and is included in the national standardization program (phase 20.00).

5.2.26 For Moldovan standards that are developed due to the need to implement European standards (e.g. national annexes to Eurocodes, etc.), steps 5.2.1 to 5.2.24 do not apply.

5.3 Moldovan Standard (PA) pre-draft

5.3.1 Pre-draft standard (MA) is prepared by a member or group of members of the Technical Committee (step 20.20). In duly justified cases, the pre-project may also be prepared by an interested party, which is not a member of the Technical Committee.

In all cases, the Technical Committee shall set a reasonable period, allowing for the preparation of the pre-project, but not longer than 6 months.

5.3.2 In exceptional cases, the pre-project may be prepared by an interested party, which is not a member of the technical committee. The preliminary draft shall be submitted to the Technical Committee for Examination and Promotion in the manner laid down.

5.3.3 The structure, content and presentation of the pre-project, according to SR 6 and SR 7.

5.3.4 The pre-design of the standard, and subsequently the standard, shall not:

- to repeat, provide interpretations, modify the meaning, extend or contravene the provisions laid down in binding legislative acts of a regulatory nature (laws, government decisions, orders of regulators).
- contain provisions which are the subject of contractual relations between the parties.
- require compliance with specific articles of legislation or require compliance with sectoral legislation in an area.
- describe or undertake commitments or obligations to be undertaken by economic operators or other market actors.

At all subsequent stages of the development of the standard, the rules in this paragraph concerning the content of the draft standard shall be followed.

5.3.5 The proposer must pursue and make all reasonable efforts to ensure that there is (or is not) any registered or in the process of registration (copyright and/or patent) intellectual property rights associated with the object of standardization or essential for the application of the standard. Intellectual property rights, if any, must be declared by their owner and notified to the Technical Committee at the beginning of the process of drafting or revising the Moldovan standard, following in these cases the provisions of CEN/CENELEC Guide 8.

Items covered by intellectual property rights may be included in a standard only if:

- those elements are necessary for the application of the standard, and
- the holder of the intellectual property right agrees to make them available on reasonable and non-discriminatory terms.

5.3.6 If situations described in 5.3.5 arise, the preamble to the standard must mention distinct the existence of associated and necessary intellectual property rights for the application of the standard.

5.3.7 The Secretary of the Technical Committee shall forward the preliminary draft together with the background note for consideration for all members of the Technical Committee (step 30.00).

The preliminary draft, if prepared, may be submitted together with the proposal to examine the new topic of standardization, as described in Chapter 5.2. In this case, all the following steps shall be taken at the same time as the steps described in Chapter 5.2.

5.3.8 To inform interested parties about the development of a new standard, a notice on the development of the pre-draft Moldovan standard and the opening for interested parties to participate in the work of the technical committee on this pre-draft standard is published in the Standardization Bulletin.

The notice will contain information on the technical committee preparing the draft standard, the call sign, the title and the scope of the draft standard.

5.3.9 If the proposal for a new standard or revision of a standard is accepted by the technical committee, the ISM representative shall take the necessary steps to notify CEN or CENELEC via the CCMC IT tools. Likewise, the WTO/TBT Secretariat shall be duly informed.

5.3.10 If the ISM develops original Moldovan standards within the scope of CENELEC, it shall comply with the provisions of the Vilamoura procedure.

5.3.11 At the end of the notification period among CEN/CENELEC member countries, which last about two months, the following situations are possible:

- if there is no response at European level, the draft Moldovan standard continues to be developed at national level. Where the standardization topic is of interest to a national standardization body in another State and the ISM receives a request from that body to participate in the work, the designated experts may participate as observers in the work of the Technical Committee.
- if the standardization theme is of interest at European level and the ISM is informed by CEN or CENELEC, work at European level shall be stopped based on the standstill obligation (de-elaboration). In such a case, the national technical committee may appoint an expert to participate in the working group set up at European level for the development of the draft standard. The technical content of the final draft European standard is not the responsibility of the Technical Committee.

NOTE - At this and subsequent stages, the title page of the draft standard applies elements describing the stage it is at.

5.3.12 The standardization topic, which for six months after acceptance has not reached stage 30.00, is abandoned (stage 20.98) and work on this project is stopped, having been informed to the relevant technical committee.

5.3.12 The draft standard may be requested by any organization, including the European Commission or the European standardization body at any stage. ISM shall register the request and reply within a maximum period of three months and shall take note of any comments received.

5.3.13 If the ISM receives comments indicating that a draft original Moldovan standard would have a negative impact on the European ISM market, it will consult the relevant European standardization organizations and the European Commission before approving the standard.

5.4 Draft Committee (PC)

5.4.1 The draft for the Committee, submitted to all members of the Technical Committee, is subject to their examination (phase 30.20).

5.4.2 The members of the Technical Committee shall submit their comments by completing a model form approved by ISM.

5.4.3 Comments shall be submitted within 30 calendar days of the day of receipt of the draft. Comments submitted later than the deadline shall not be considered or included in the summary of the comments.

5.4.4 In the event of failure by a majority of the members of the Technical Committee to reply to the draft, the Secretary of the Technical Committee shall submit a further repeated request, setting a further 15-day deadline for the submission of comments.

5.4.5 In the event of non-response, and after the second request, this non-response will be treated as a lack of interest in the prepared draft and will be indicated in the minutes as implicit abstention.

5.4.6 If more than half of the members of the Technical Committee have not given their opinion, even after repeated requests, as per 5.4.4 and 5.4.5, work on the project shall be stopped and the project shall be abandoned (phase 30.98). This shall be notified to the members of the Technical Committee by the Secretary. Restoration of work on the draft standard is done by initiating a new standardization theme, according to 5.2.

5.4.7 The Secretary of the Technical Committee shall draw up a summary of the comments received. Conclusions on the observations to the preliminary draft of the standard shall be presented for each comment, using the terms:

- "Accepted" — where the observations are fully accepted.
- "Accepted with amendment" — where the observation is accepted in principle and has been amended accordingly.
- "Discussion at the meeting" — where comments require discussion and clarification at the meeting of the technical committee.
- "Rejected" - when the comments are contrary to the legislation or standards rules in force, do not correlate with the national policy documents, do not refer to the subject, exceed the standardization object of the draft standard discussed or other duly justified contradictory cases.

5.4.8 The analysis of the comments and the finalization of the text shall be carried out at the meeting of the Technical Committee by reaching consensus, having regard to the deadline set. The members of the Technical Committee may also be consulted by correspondence for consensus.

5.4.9 Decisions in the technical committee shall be taken by consensus, which shall be deemed to be reached if the draft is supported by 2/3 of all the members of the technical committee and if the draft is rejected by no more than 1/4 of all the members. If the total number of members of the Technical Committee does not allow the calculation of integers of 2/3 and 1/4 of the total number, the rounding of the numbers shall be done in the direction of the nearest integer.

5.4.10 If a persistent divergent position is revealed during the discussions in the Committee, which is technically justified, conditions of safety, health, environment, testing, correlation with technical regulations in force, etc. in relation to certain aspects covered by the draft standard, the chairman of the Technical Committee must take the necessary steps to obtain the consensus. If the dispute cannot be resolved in the Technical Committee, the remaining parties to the dispute may refer the matter to the ISM.

5.4.11 For each meeting of the Technical Committee, the Secretary shall draw up a list of attendance, which shall be signed by all the participants and a record of the decisions taken. In the case of examination of projects by electronic mail (e-mail), decisions shall also be recorded in the minutes.

5.4.12 The provisions reflected in the minutes must be clearly expressed and highlight all the issues and decisions made on the projects under examination. The minutes must have a registration number and be signed by the chairman and secretary of the technical committee. In the case of decisions taken by electronic mail, the approval of the minutes sent by e-mail from the President is sufficient. The acceptance message of the minutes shall be kept together with the minutes signed by the Secretary.

5.4.13 Based on the decisions taken, the preliminary draft shall be amended by the Secretary of the Technical Committee, together with the draftsman.

5.4.14 The cycle from paragraphs 5.4.1 to 5.4.10 shall be repeated until the chairman of the Technical Committee does not consider that a consensus on the draft has been reached in the Technical Committee (step 30.60).

5.4.15 The acceptance by the Technical Committee of the draft in its final wording and the decision to submit it to the next stage shall be mentioned in the minutes. The minutes shall state that if no comments or comments are received at the public inquiry stage, then the draft standard in the version accepted at this stage will be submitted as a draft standard (PS) for endorsement (cf. 5.6).

5.4.16 If the standardization topic, for which 18 months after acceptance is not reached, at stage 30.60, the work on this topic is stopped and the project is canceled (stage 30.98).

5.4.17 The draft for the Committee, which has been reached by consensus in the Technical Committee, is submitted to ISM as a draft for public inquiry (step 40.00).

5.5 Project for public inquiry (IP)

5.5.1 Based on the draft committee, ISM starts the public inquiry, at which stage any interested party may comment, comment or object to the draft public inquiry (stage 40.20).

5.5.2 The call sign, title and scope of the draft standard under public inquiry and the deadline for submitting comments shall be published in the Standardization Bulletin. The public inquiry stage is two months from the date of publication of the announcement.

5.5.3 In the public inquiry phase, the draft standard is available upon request. The Secretary of the Technical Committee shall forward the draft to the public inquiry to all interested parties who have requested it at the stage of public inquiry. The project is transmitted in PDF format, with the digital mark "*Working Document - Prohibited Reproduction*", inserted in the text background.

5.5.4 The notice of inquiry shall be circulated by the Secretary and all members of the Technical Committee.

5.5.5 Any natural or legal person concerned may acquaint themselves with the text of the project (IP) and submit comments on the project.

5.5.6 During the public inquiry period, the projects are also examined by the ISM to determine whether the standardization principles, correlation with other standards, methodology and drafting rules were respected. The ISM shall transmit its comments, if any, to the Secretary of the Technical Committee.

5.5.7 During the public inquiry period, all comments on the draft shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Technical Committee and shall be exposed in the same sequence as for the IP. The proposals put forward for the amendment (inclusion, exclusion or replacement) of some provisions in the draft must be concrete and reasoned.

5.5.8 The Secretary of the Technical Committee, in agreement with the drafter, shall draw up a summary of the comments received and transmit it to all the members of the Technical Committee (step 40.60).

5.5.9 The secretary of the technical committee shall transmit the summary of the observations to the members of the technical committee, together with an invitation to attend the meeting of the committee for the consideration of the observations and the finalization of the text of the draft standard. Interested parties, which have made comments and are not members of the Technical Committee, may be invited to the meeting to consider the comments.

5.5.10 In the event of a failure by a member of the Technical Committee to reply to the draft, the secretary of the Technical Committee shall submit a further repeated request, setting a further 15 days deadline for the submission of comments. In the event of a failure to reply, and after the second request, this failure to reply will be treated as a lack of interest and will be indicated in the minutes as implicit abstention.

5.5.11 The discussion in the Technical Committee of the comments on the project (IP) shall take place no later than 60 calendar days after the end of the public inquiry. Discussions on the proposals may also be held by correspondence.

5.5.12 If, following comments from the public inquiry, important changes to the draft standard are proposed, the Technical Committee may decide that the amended draft shall be subject to a new public inquiry (step 40.93).

5.5.13 After the second public inquiry, a summary of the comments shall be drawn up and transmitted to all members of the Technical Committee.

5.5.14 If after the second public inquiry, a consensus cannot be reached, the Technical Committee may decide to cancel the project (step 40.98).

5.5.15 If a persistent divergent position is revealed at the stage of public inquiry, as justified from a technical point of view, safety, health, environmental, testing, correlation with existing technical regulations, etc., in relation to certain aspects covered by the draft standard, the chairman of the technical committee must take the necessary steps to obtain the consensus. If the dispute cannot be resolved in the Technical Committee, the remaining parties to the dispute may refer the matter to the ISM.

5.5.16 The amended draft based on objections and proposals received during the public inquiry period and on which a consensus was reached within the Technical Committee shall be considered a draft standard (SP).

5.5.17 For each meeting of the Technical Committee, the Secretary shall draw up a list of attendance, which shall be signed by all the participants and a record of the decisions taken. In the case of the examination of projects by electronic mail (e-mail), the decisions shall also be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

5.5.18 The provisions reflected in the minutes must be clearly expressed and highlight all the issues and decisions made on the projects under examination. The minutes shall be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Technical Committee. In the case of decisions taken by electronic mail, the approval of the minutes sent by e-mail from the President is sufficient. The acceptance message of the minutes shall be kept together with the minutes signed by the Secretary.

5.5.19 If no comments from interested parties or members of the Technical Committee were submitted in the public inquiry, the version agreed by the Technical Committee according to 5.4.15 shall be deemed accepted and promoted without the need for repeated or additional meetings and examinations.

5.6 Standard Project (PS)

5.6.1 The draft standard shall be submitted in paper format and electronic version by the Secretary of the Technical Committee for approval to ISM (step 50.00), together with the following documents:

- the cover letter (if the secretariat is not owned by the ISM).
- the supporting note.
- the summary of the comments and the original or electronic messages according to which the summary of the comments was drawn up at the stages of the CP and IP.
- the minutes of the meeting of the technical committee on the acceptance of the final draft of the standard; in case of 5.5.19, the minutes of 5.4.15 shall be presented.

5.6.2 The text of the draft standard (PS) must be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Technical Committee.

5.7 Approval of Moldovan standards

5.7.1 The ISM examines within 30 calendar days the draft standards received for approval (step 50.20).

5.7.2 Draft standards in which the provisions of these standardization rules are not complied with, for which a consensus has not been assured within the Technical Committee, where the important comments of ISM or of the interested parties examining the project concerned have not been unduly taken into account, where some provisions of the draft are contrary to the legislation in force or do not correlate with the national policy documents, shall be returned to the Technical Committee for Review or Amendment (step 50.92).

5.7.3 The approval of the draft standard is carried out by the ISM Director (step 50.99).

5.7.4 The information on the approved standards and the date of approval of the standards shall be published in the Standardization Bulletin.

5.7.5 Once approved, the standards are published to be available to interested parties (phase 60.60).

6 Periodic examination, confirmation, amendment, revision and cancelation of Moldovan standards

6.1 Periodic examination of Moldovan standards

6.1.1 Each standard shall be reviewed periodically (step 90.20) to determine whether the standard can still be applied.

6.1.2 Moldovan standards must be reviewed every five years from the date of approval or from the date of the last confirmation, amendment or revision.

6.1.3 Periodic review of Moldovan standards is carried out to ensure:

- a) their compliance with the provisions of national law.

- b) utility for the national industry and economy.
- (c) harmonization with the provisions of relevant European and international standards.
- d) the timeliness of the reflection of the modern achievements of science, technology and technology.

6.1.4 The periodic review of the Moldovan standards is carried out by the technical committee that drafted them.

6.1.5 In the event of the technical committee having developed the standard being disbanded, the periodic review of standards must be carried out by another technical committee established for this specific task.

6.2 Planning of the periodic review process

6.2.1 The periodic review of a Moldovan standard must be initiated at least 6 months before the expiry of the 5-year period following the date of approval or the date of the last confirmation.

6.2.2 The identification of standards and the monitoring of periods when the time limit indicated in 6.2.1 is reached shall be carried out by the Technical Committee responsible, and in the case of a lack of a Technical Committee responsible for a particular area, this shall be carried out by the ISM.

6.2.3 The Secretary of the Technical Committee shall draw up, in the third quarter of each year, jointly with the members of the Technical Committee, a list of standards which are to be submitted for examination the following year.

6.2.4 The examination proposal shall include all standards falling within the scope of standardization of that technical committee and for which the 5-year period referred to in 6.2.1 is to be attained.

6.2.5 The Secretary of the Technical Committee shall include in the Technical Committee's annual work plan proposals for the regular review of standards and shall submit those proposals to the ISM.

6.2.6 Standards subject to periodic review shall be included in the national standardization program.

6.3 Procedure for periodic examination of Moldovan standards

6.3.1 The Secretary of the Technical Committee shall notify the members of the need for regular review of the standard against the criteria of 6.3.3.

6.3.2 The Secretary of the Technical Committee shall request ISM to publish in the Standardization Bulletin and on the official website www.standard.md the notice of periodic review with the titles of the standards examined and the time limit within which proposals or observations may be submitted.

The time limit for examination by members of the Technical Committee and other interested parties shall not exceed 30 calendar days.

6.3.3 The criteria for the examination of the standard are:

- (a) the standard must contain provisions that do not contravene the legislation in force.
- (b) the standard must be relevant, necessary and used in the national economy.
- (c) the standard must reflect modern scientific, technical and technological achievements.
- (d) the standard must be harmonized with the relevant international and European standards or relevant legislation.
- (e) the standard must ensure the compatibility and interchangeability of the products manufactured and used.

6.3.4 During the periodic review, proposals or observations for each standard shall be drawn up and submitted by the members of the Technical Committee in accordance with the model approved by ISM.

6.3.5 The Secretary of the Technical Committee shall accumulate the proposals and comments received from the members of the Technical Committee and other interested parties until the public inquiry is completed.

6.3.6 Based on the proposals and comments resulting from the public inquiry, the Technical Committee shall finalize and establish the final proposals for the standards under examination.

6.3.7 The Secretary of the Technical Committee shall draw up a periodic review sheet for each standard in accordance with the model approved by the ISM, giving the generalized opinion.

6.3.8 Following the regular examination of a standard, proposals may be made for:

- a) confirmation of the standard according to 6.4.
- b) modification of the standard according to 6.5.
- c) revision of the standard according to 6.6.
- d) cancelation of the standard according to 6.7.

These proposals shall be reflected in the periodic review report.

6.3.9 The Secretary of the Technical Committee shall convene a meeting of the Technical Committee to discuss proposals, periodic review sheets and final decisions on standards subject to periodic review (step 90.60). These discussions can be held by correspondence.

6.3.10 For each meeting of the Technical Committee, the Secretary shall draw up a list of attendance, which shall be signed by all the participants and a record of the decisions taken. In the case of the examination of projects by electronic mail (e-mail), the decisions shall also be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

6.3.11 The minutes shall be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Technical Committee. In the case of decisions taken by electronic mail, the approval of the minutes sent by e-mail from the President is sufficient. The acceptance message of the minutes shall be kept together with the minutes signed by the Secretary.

6.3.12 The Secretary of the Technical Committee shall send to the ISM the minutes of the meeting of the Technical Committee, the periodic review sheets on standards subject to periodic review, the list of participation signed by the participants.

6.3.13 For the areas for which technical committees are lacking, the ISM shall initiate the creation of a technical committee for this specific task.

6.3.14 If the creation of the Technical Committee of the first test is not successful, the ISM shall repeat the procedure. If after the second attempt the creation of the Technical Committee is not successful, ISM will proceed according to 6.7.2.

6.3.15 ISM shall examine the proposals of the Technical Committees, and because of the provisions of 6.3.12, adopt the corresponding confirmatory, amending, revision or cancelation decisions.

6.3.16 The ISM may require repeated clarifications or examinations in case of substantiated doubts regarding proposals for confirmation, amendment, revision or cancelation of standards. In the case of proposals that the ISM considers to be insufficiently substantiated, where the standard contains provisions contrary to the legislation in force, the ISM must require repeated examination.

6.3.17 ISM may also undertake the examination of the economic efficiency aspects deriving from those proposals (e.g. number of standard copies requested in the last 5 years, costs of purchasing a version of the standard in each language, etc.).

6.4 Confirmation of Moldovan standards

6.4.1 The Moldovan standard can be confirmed (step 90.93), following the regular examination, if this standard meets all applicable criteria, according to 6.3.3.

6.4.2 The decision on the confirmation of the standard submitted for periodic review shall be taken by ISM based on proposals from the Technical Committee.

6.4.3 Following confirmation, the call sign and the year of approval of the standard submitted for periodic examination shall not be changed.

6.4.4 Confirmation of a standard does not imply the publication of a new edition of the standard.

6.4.5 Information on confirmed standards shall be published in the Standardization Bulletin and on the official ISM website.

6.5 Amendment of Moldovan standards

6.5.1 If, after periodic examination, the standard does not satisfy one of the criteria a), c), d) or e) in 6.3.3, the standard may be amended if the other criteria are satisfied.

6.5.2 The drafting and approval of amendments to Moldovan standards shall be carried out in accordance with the stages of the development of a standard described in Chapter 5.

6.5.3 Modification of a Moldovan standard may be carried out, including, if necessary, outside the regular examination.

6.5.4 The drafting of the amendments shall be carried out in accordance with SR 7. The presentation of the changes shall be made in accordance with SR 6.

6.6 Revision of Moldovan standards

6.6.1 If the standard does not satisfy, even partially, criterion (a) under 6.3.3 and if one of criteria (c), (d) or (e) under 6.3.3 is not satisfied, the standard may be revised if the other criteria are satisfied.

6.6.2 In case of revision of the standard, a new standard shall be developed instead of the current one. In this case, the standard in force shall be canceled and the new standard shall be shown on the title page of the standard it replaces according to SR 6. The new standard shall be assigned the same designator, replacing the year of approval.

6.6.3 In conjunction with the revision of the standard, proposals for amendments to interrelated standards containing references to the revised standard should be prepared.

6.6.4 The development and approval of revised standards shall be carried out in accordance with the standard development steps described in Chapter 5.

6.6.5 Draft revised standards shall be drawn up in accordance with SR 6, presentation, in accordance with SR 7.

6.7 Cancellation of Moldovan standards

6.7.1 If the periodic review finds that criterion (a) referred to in 6.3.3 is not satisfied, or if any other two and more criteria of 6.3.3 are not satisfied - the standard shall be deleted (step 90.99).

6.7.2 If the establishment of a Technical Committee for periodic review according to 6.3.13 fails, the standards concerned shall be canceled by the ISM.

6.7.3 ISM seeks to prevent the existence of standards containing provisions that are contrary to or divergent from the law. Thus, if a standard has been planned for examination in the Technical Committee but the Committee has not carried out the periodic review of this standard during the current year, the decision of the Committee is missing and the standard contains provisions contrary to or diverging from the legislation in force, the ISM will cancel the standard at the end of the year in which the periodic review of the standard was planned. The Technical Committee may initiate the development of a new Moldovan standard on this subject in accordance with Chapter 5.

6.7.4 The information on the canceled Moldovan standards is published in the Standardization Bulletin and on the official ISM website.

Annex A

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Codes of the stages of elaboration of Moldovan standards

NOTE - Stage codes for the development of Moldovan standards are established according to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) codes.

Stage	Subsurface						
	00 Registration	20 Beginning of action	60 Completion of the action	90 Decision sub-steps			
				92 Repeat an earlier stage	93 Repeat the current stage	98 Waiver	99 Action
00 Preliminary phase	00.00 New project proposal received	00.20 Consideratio n of new project proposal				00,98 Abandon New Project Proposal	
10 Proposal Stage						10,98 Rejection of the proposed new project	10,99 Acceptance of new project proposal
20 Development phase	20.00 New draft standard registered in the program	20.20 PR draftsman (AP)				20,98 Canceled Project Header	
30 Committee stage	30.00 Draft Committee (PC)	30.20 Discussions on the draft committee	30.60 End of discussions on the draft committee			30,98 Project canceled	
40 inquiry phase	40.00 Draft standard for public inquiry (IP)	40.20 Public inquiry initiated	40.60 End of public inquiry		40.93 Decision on a new public inquiry	40.98 Canceled project	
50 Approval phase	50.00 Draft Standard (PS)	50.20 Project submitted to ISM		50.92 Project returned to CT			50.99 Draft approved standard
60 Publication phase			60.60 Published Standard				
90 Periodic review phases		90.20 Standard subject to periodic review	90.60 End of review period		90.93 Confirmed standard		90.99 Standard canceled

Annex B

(normative)

Background note for the proposal for a new standardization theme

Background note for the proposal for a new standardization theme	
Proposal Date _____	Reference No <i>(If known)</i> _____
Entity initiating the proposal:	☐ Is there a technical committee? <i>(If available, give number and name)</i> _____ ☐ It is proposed to create a technical project committee _____ _____
NOTE - Proposals for a new standardization topic without a correct or incomplete justification may be rejected. Information on the justification and the justification for the necessity of the new standardization theme can be consulted in the SR 1:2025 standardization rules "Adoption of Moldovan standards" ☐ Tick, if you consulted SR 1:2025 "Adoption of Moldovan standards"	
New standardization theme title: _____ _____	
Title in English: _____ _____	
In the event of a change in the rate of an existing standard, indicate the designator and its title: _____ _____	
Scope of the proposed future standard: _____ _____	
Justification and rationale for the need for the new standardization theme: 1. Importance of the topic for a wide range of stakeholders or for the national economy: _____ _____ 2. What problems would solve: _____ _____	

3. The circle of users affected by the given issue:

4. Economic, industrial, etc. advantage gained from the application of the standard:

5. Differences between the proposed new theme and another seemingly similar standard:

6. How to resolve or minimize duplication or conflict:

7. Standards at national, European or international level on the same subject:

8. Description of the link between the proposed new standard and the legislation applicable to the sector

Preliminary phase

☐ The draft is attached ☐ Reference to a standard that will serve as the initial basis:

The initiator of the new standardization theme shall be a member of the technical committee by industry:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Known Patented Topics:

(the subject or object of the standard is covered by a patent or patent)

☐ Yes ☐ No

(If you checked Yes, play all information as an appendix)

Name, first name of the representative of the initiating entity of the proposed new standardization theme:

Name, First Name

Function

Signature

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