

Title: U.S. comments on Multi-TC aspects of SGFS procedures

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The U.S. has noted the draft TC184/SC5 procedures for the approval and maintenance of ISPs as shown in SGFS N1257. The review of these procedures and the informal email material on this topic has raised several issues which the U.S. feels should be addressed during the next review of the SD-1.

1. The TC184/SC5 procedures and the relevant e-mail comments have made the operation of the multi-TC procedures unclear. We agree with comments made that the Cooperative Agreement should be made between JTC1 and TC184. In addition, we agree that agreements on particular ISPs should be appended to the Cooperative Agreement. Also, these particular agreements would be signed by SGFS, as the organization in JTC1 responsible for the progression of ISPs. In the case of TC184, however, it is not clear which SC would sign these particular agreements.

The proforma Cooperative Agreement in Annex B of the SD-1 indicates that the appendices "shall be ratified by the chairpersons of the subcommittees responsible for the progression of the profiles". In the case of JTC1, SGFS has been assigned this responsibility for all JTC1 related ISPs, regardless of the SC with the relevant technical material. In the case of TC184, if this responsibility has been assigned to SC5, then SC5 would be expected to sign all such agreements, regardless of which SC (e.g., SC4) is responsible for the technical content. SGFS should either

- 1) clarify with TC184 who is responsible for the progression for ISPs, then pursue having all appended agreements signed by that SC, or
 - 2) SGFS should modify the SD-1 to allow for alternative arrangements, such as noting "or other subcommittee as identified by the TC".
2. The U.S. notes that the SD-1, SGFS N1179, page 29, gives an example titled "Memorandum of Agreement". The actual agreement with TC46 used the title "Cooperative Agreement". SGFS SD-1 should be modified to use this title.
 3. The opening paragraph of Clause 3.2 of the SGFS SD-1 specifies that "a cooperative agreement shall be developed and agreed jointly by JTC1, the TC(s) involved and the organization or organizations which are expected to develop the parts of the multi-part ISP." Although we have not defined what is meant by the developer, the implication in many cases is the regional workshops (or other

developers outside ISO). If so, they would need to sign the cooperative agreement, which is not being done now. This text should be clarified. The U.S. recommends that the SD-1 text be changed to reflect approval only by JTC1 and the other TC(s).