



# Standards View

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## Standards Attaché Message

Dear Standards Colleagues,

Welcome to the first edition of the “Standards View” newsletter, brought to you by the U.S. Commercial Service, Mexico City. We intend to publish this newsletter on a monthly basis. This first issue concentrates on introducing Mexican standards and certification bodies, along with any pertinent news from these entities. In subsequent issues, we will do the same for other countries in my region: Canada, the Caribbean and Central America. We would welcome any feedback you might have as to what you would like to see included in future editions. The contact information for the “CS Mexico Standards Team” is listed below. I hope the “Standards View” proves informative and I thank you for taking the time to glance through its pages.

Best Regards,

*Dale Wright*

Standards Attaché  
Mexico, Canada, Central America, The Caribbean

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## *Standards-Related Organizations in Mexico*

### **Government Entities**



DGN – Dirección General de Normas – Secretaría de Economía (General Bureau of Standards– Ministry of Economy).

<http://www.economia.gob.mx/?P=85>



COFETEL – Comisión Federal de Telecomunicaciones (Federal Telecommunications Commission).

[www.cft.gob.mx](http://www.cft.gob.mx)

### **Accreditation Entity**



EMA – Entidad Mexicana de Acreditación A.C. (Mexican Accreditation Entity).

<http://www.ema.org.mx/ema/>

### **Certification and Standards Creation Bodies**



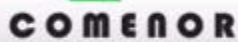
ANCE – Asociación Nacional de Normalización y Certificación del Sector Eléctrico. (National Association of Electric Sector Standardization and Certification).

<http://www.ance.org.mx/>



NORMEX – Organismo Nacional de Normalización y Certificación (National Organism of Normalization and Certification).

[www.normex.com.mx](http://www.normex.com.mx)



COMENOR - Consejo Mexicano de la Comercialización y la Evaluación de la Conformidad A.C. (Mexican Council of Commercialization and Conformity Assessment).

<http://www.comenor.org.mx/>



NYCE – Normalización y Certificación Electrónica A.C. (Electronic Standardization and Certification).

<http://www.nyce.org.mx>



ONNCCE – Organismo Nacional de Normalización y Certificación de la Construcción y Edificación S.C. en México (National Organization for Standardization of Building and Construction Industries).

[www.onncce.org.mx](http://www.onncce.org.mx)



CNIV – Cámara Nacional de la Industria del Vestido (National Chamber of the Textile Industry).

[www.cniv.org.mx](http://www.cniv.org.mx)

- INNTEX – Instituto Nacional de Normalización Textil (National Institute of Textile Normalization)

<http://cniv.org.mx/inntex/>



## *Standards Reports*

1) U.S. Commercial Service – Market Research Library

*Mexico: NOMs and NMXs issued by the Mexican Government, during the period September 1 to 30, 2007*

Author: Jesús González

2) U.S. Commercial Service – Market Research Library

*México: NOMs and NMXs issued by the Mexican Government, during the period August 1 to 30, 2007*

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## *Standards Highlights*

1) DGN – *The Mexican Bureau of Standards*

The Mexican Bureau of Standards (DGN - Dirección General de Normas), is the organization with the authority to manage and to coordinate the standardization activities in the country. Its authority derives from the Ley Federal sobre Metrología y Normalización - LFMN (Federal Law of Metrology and Standardization).

The Mexican Government publishes technical regulations and standards, through the Diario Oficial de la Federación - DOF (Official Gazette) - the Mexican equivalent of the US Federal Register. DGN is responsible for the creation and update of a Catalog of Technical Regulations and Standards. Mexican Technical Regulations are coded by subject and are revised every five years. Technical regulations are published in the form of a Norma Oficial Mexicana (NOM) (Literally Official Mexican Standard).

Electronic versions for all valid NOMs are available on DGN's web catalog, which can be accessed at [www.economia-noms.gob.mx](http://www.economia-noms.gob.mx). For some NMX standards, the text is available at [www.economia-nmx.gob.mx](http://www.economia-nmx.gob.mx) or alternatively, directly from the standards development body that issued the standard.

2) *Publication of 2007 National Standardization Program Supplement*

Information Bulletin by Banuet Consultores, Normas y Reglamentos Técnicos

[www.banuet.net](http://www.banuet.net)

October 29, 2007

The 2007 National Standardization Program Supplement was published on October 29, in the Diario Oficial. The National Standardization Program (PNN) is the list of all the topics that will be developed as Technical Regulations (NOMs), Mexican Standards

(NMXs) and reference standards (NRFs) every year. This supplement adds to the topics originally in the PNN for 2007 on May 21, 2007.

Due to the length of the documents please follow links for further details:

[http://diariooficial.segob.gob.mx/nota\\_detalle.php?codigo=4988258](http://diariooficial.segob.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=4988258)

[http://diariooficial.segob.gob.mx/nota\\_detalle.php?codigo=5004836](http://diariooficial.segob.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5004836)

## *Standards News*

### 1) COFEMER – *New tools for Regulatory Improvement*

COFEMER's Director, Carlos García Fernández, announced the beginning of the program for revitalizing two of the main tools for regulatory improvement in Mexico:

- The "Federal Registry for Procedures and Services"
- The "Citizen Participation in the design of Federal Regulations"

[http://www.cofemer.gob.mx/historial.asp?tipo\\_nav\\_bar=1&contenido=2&menu\\_id=9&content\\_id=99&noticia\\_id=16](http://www.cofemer.gob.mx/historial.asp?tipo_nav_bar=1&contenido=2&menu_id=9&content_id=99&noticia_id=16)



COFEMER – Comisión Federal de Mejora Regulatoria (Federal Bureau of Regulatory Improvement).

<http://www.cofemer.gob.mx>

### 2) EMA – *National Accreditation Agreement*

A voluntary initiative that refers to the public and entrepreneurial commitment to adopt and support a series of actions with the aim of promoting and strengthening the System of Metrology, Standardization and Conformity Assessment (SISMENEC).

<http://www.ema.org.mx/proyecto.htm>

### 3) ANCE – *Re-certification of the Management Quality System*

After auditing the headquarters and the Northern and Eastern Offices of ANCE, the Spanish Association for Standardization and Certification (AENOR) renewed ANCE's Certification for the Management Quality System in conformity with ISO 9001:2000 until April, 2010.

<http://www.ance.org.mx/documentos/noticias/avance-julago07.pdf>

#### 4) ANCE – *Anti-Piracy Activities*

As a way of supporting the activities led by the Mexican Customs' General Administration (Administración General de Aduanas) in the promotion of measures against piracy, ANCE contributed by visiting 13 Customs Offices throughout the country to evaluate their anti-piracy activities.

<http://www.ance.org.mx/documentos/noticias/avance-julago07.pdf>

#### 5) COFETEL – *Mexico and the United States Protocol for Radio Communication*

The government of Mexico and the United States signed a protocol to regulate frequency bands of radio communication in the border strip.

[http://www.cft.gob.mx/wb/COFETEL/COFE\\_gaceta\\_julio\\_agosto\\_07](http://www.cft.gob.mx/wb/COFETEL/COFE_gaceta_julio_agosto_07)

### *Links*



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**NATIONAL CENTER FOR STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION INFORMATION**

Free web-based service to review and comment on proposed foreign technical regulations that can affect businesses and their access to international markets.

<http://tsapps.nist.gov/notifyus/data/index/index.cfm>

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