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Foreword

This bibliography cites documents related to the workings of the voluntary standards system and the economic and legal effects of standards. It is hoped that it will be helpful to economists and others who are studying the voluntary standards system. Many of the documents cited are included in the National Bureau of Standards/Standards Information Service collection of national and international standards and related publications, and are available to the public for on-site use. (For information, call Bill Slattery, 301-921-2587).

The first portion of this bibliography lists references alphabetically by author. The second portion groups references into several categories, by subject. However, researchers using this bibliography should note that many of the publications listed under one heading also contain information pertaining to the other headings. For example, information concerning regulatory use of standards and certifications can be found in most of the publications listed under "Standards System Reform" and in the "International and Foreign" publications that describe national standards systems. Information on certification can also be found in some of the publications listed under "Solar Heating and Cooling Equipment."

The Office of Engineering Standards (OES) of the National Bureau of Standards, publisher of this report, sponsors and conducts research concerning the impact of standards and certification. The purpose of this research is to provide NBS decision-makers with information that will help them better understand the economic, social, and other impacts of the voluntary standards and certification systems. It is hoped that this information will increase the effectiveness of NBS's participation in voluntary standards work and will contribute to the improved development and use of standards. Questions concerning the standards impact analysis activities of OES should be addressed to Joan Koenig, Group Leader, OES Standards Management and Impact Analysis Project.

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Abstract

This bibliography lists references accumulated by the NBS Office of Engineering Standards in the course of its research into the workings of the voluntary standards system and the economic and legal effect of standards. The first portion of the bibliography lists references alphabetically by author. The second portion groups references by subject. Subject categories include: standards system reform, regulatory use of standards (buildings, safety, environment), certification and laboratory accreditation, solar heating and cooling, product liability, and international and foreign.

Key words: Bibliography; buildings; certification; economics of standards; legal aspects of standards; product certification; product liability; regulation; standards system; voluntary standards.

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