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Industry & Standards Watchlist — 5 October 2026

INTRODUCTION

Quality Practitioners' Industry & Standards Watchlist tracks genuine developments published directly by certification bodies, accreditation bodies, standards institutions and consultancies across the Management System world — from new and revised standards to accreditation scheme changes and certification programme updates. It does not cover financial results, mergers, sponsorships or routine personnel news.

Industry & Standards Watch

India Mandates BIS Certification for 90 Electrical Appliance Categories

India's government has brought 90 categories of electrical appliances under a new Quality Control Order requiring mandatory BIS certification, covering household and commercial devices, heating appliances, cleaning equipment and battery-operated products. The order took effect on 1 October 2026, though small and micro enterprises have staggered implementation dates by product category. The article notes that existing international certifications such as CE or ISO do not automatically satisfy the new mandatory requirement.

India | Standards and Mandatory Certification

[Global Risk Community - 1 October 2026](#)

Why it matters: Consultancies and certification bodies supporting manufacturers exporting to India should flag this QCO immediately: products in the 90 covered categories now require a BIS Standard Mark under a CRS licence before they can legally enter the Indian market.

New European Standards Support Fuel-Cell-Powered Rail Rolling Stock

CEN-CENELEC published new standards supporting the certification of hydrogen fuel-cell-powered rolling stock, part of a wider push to decarbonise rail lines where conventional electrification is difficult to justify. The standards give manufacturers and certification bodies a common technical basis for assessing fuel-cell traction systems.

Europe | Standards and Rail Decarbonisation

[CEN-CENELEC - 29 September 2026](#)

Why it matters: Certification bodies assessing rolling stock in European markets now have a defined standards basis for fuel-cell traction systems, relevant as more rail operators pursue hydrogen as an alternative to full electrification.

Bureau Veritas Confirms ISO 9001:2026 Officially Released

Bureau Veritas published guidance confirming that ISO 9001:2026 was formally released on 16 September 2026, opening a three-year transition window after which existing ISO 9001:2015 certificates become invalid from 30 September 2029. The certification body frames the revision as addressing technological change, sustainability requirements and supply-chain vulnerabilities that have emerged since 2015.

Switzerland / Global | Standards and Certification Transition

[Bureau Veritas - 23 September 2026](#)

Why it matters: Certification bodies and consultancies should start client transition planning now: the three-year window sounds generous, but gap-assessment and re-audit capacity will tighten as the 2029 deadline approaches.

CSA Group Publishes New National Standard for Modular Construction

CSA Group released CSA Z251, a new National Standard of Canada establishing a common technical framework for the design of volumetric modular buildings. Developed by a technical committee of architects, engineers, manufacturers and building officials, it addresses structural design, building services, fire protection and manufacturing considerations specific to off-site constructed modules, complementing the National Building Code.

Canada | Standards and Construction

[CSA Group - 22 September 2026](#)

Why it matters: Certification bodies and consultants supporting modular builders now have a defined national framework to audit against, rather than relying solely on conventional building-code interpretations for off-site construction.

DAkKS Becomes a Full Member of Global ACI

Germany's national accreditation body confirmed it has achieved full membership of Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated (Global ACI), the body formed from the 1 January 2026 merger of IAF and ILAC, and has signed the Global ACI Multilateral Recognition Arrangement. DAKKS says it will actively contribute to international cooperation within the new global accreditation structure.

Germany | Accreditation Cooperation

[DAkKS - 22 September 2026](#)

Why it matters: Certification bodies and laboratories accredited by DAKKS can confirm their international recognition continues uninterrupted under the new Global ACI structure, without needing re-evaluation against the former IAF/ILAC arrangements.

DQS Inc. Becomes One of the First CBs Accredited for ISO 14001:2026

DQS Inc. announced it is among the first certification bodies accredited by ANSI's National Accreditation Board (ANAB) to certify organisations against the newly revised ISO 14001:2026 environmental management standard. DQS said the revision is the first comprehensive update to ISO 14001 in over a decade, introducing stronger emphasis on climate change, biodiversity, resource efficiency and leadership integration.

United States | Accreditation and Environmental Management

[DQS / PR Newswire - 24 August 2026](#)

Why it matters: Organisations in North America seeking ISO 14001:2026 certification now have a confirmed accredited route through DQS, and competing certification bodies should expect this accreditation race to continue as other bodies pursue the same scope.

Vietnam's STAMEQ Deepens Metrology and Standards Cooperation with South Korea's KATS

Vietnam's Directorate for Standards, Metrology and Quality held exchanges with South Korea's Korea Agency for Technology and Standards to learn from its legal and state-management framework for metrology. Both sides committed to expanding information exchange and technical cooperation as Vietnam modernises its metrology laws to align with international practice.

Vietnam | Standards and Metrology Cooperation

[Ministry of Science and Technology, Vietnam - 31 July 2026](#)

Why it matters: Consultancies supporting manufacturers exporting into Vietnam should watch for resulting changes to Vietnam's metrology legal framework, which could affect conformity assessment and labelling requirements over the coming cycle.

Dutch Accreditation Council Updates ASR103 for Management-Systems Certification Bodies

RvA published a new version of Accreditation Specification ASR103, which governs the accreditation of certification bodies for management systems under EN-ISO/IEC 17021-1. The update implements a revised ASR template with new sections 1.3 and 1.4, and amends Annex A's guidance on checking the witnessing box.

Netherlands | Accreditation and Management Systems

[Raad voor Accreditatie - 16 July 2026](#)

Why it matters: Management-systems certification bodies accredited by RvA should check their internal procedures against the revised ASR103 template and witnessing guidance before their next surveillance assessment.

DNV Publishes July 2026 Edition of Ship and Offshore Class Rules

DNV released its July 2026 edition of class rules and standards for ships and offshore units, comprising 92 documents following a formal hearing process. The edition introduces new notations including Shore power ready and Battery ready, and enters into force on 1 January 2027, though updated rules can be applied retroactively to projects contracted earlier with the consent of all parties.

Norway / Global | Standards and Maritime Classification

[DNV - 8 July 2026](#)

Why it matters: Ship owners, design firms and shipyards working to DNV class should review the new notations now, since the lead time before mandatory entry into force is the practical window for incorporating changes into projects already in design.

Taiwan's BSMI Expands Certification Scope for Lithium Battery Products

Taiwan's Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection proposed revisions extending mandatory inspection to nine product categories covering secondary lithium cell blocks, battery packs, modules and battery systems, including power banks, charging boxes and EV/e-bike batteries.

Manufacturers can pursue conformity through either Registration of Product Certification or Type-approved Batch Inspection routes, both carrying three-year validity.

Taiwan | Certification Scheme and Product Safety

[Product Compliance Institute - 8 July 2026](#)

Why it matters: Manufacturers and certification bodies handling lithium-battery products destined for Taiwan need to map which of the two new conformity routes applies to each product line before the expanded scope takes effect.

49th Codex Alimentarius Commission Adopts New Food Safety and Labelling Standards

The 49th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, meeting in Geneva, adopted revised guidance on controlling *Campylobacter*, *Salmonella* and *Listeria monocytogenes* in food, a first-ever commodity standard for baker's yeast, reduced permitted levels for polyglycerol esters, and new guidelines on precautionary allergen labelling and flexible emergency food labelling.

Global | Food Safety Standards

[FAO / WHO - 29 June 2026](#)

Why it matters: Certification bodies and consultancies serving food manufacturers should flag the new precautionary allergen labelling and pathogen-control guidance, since Codex standards typically migrate into national food-safety regulation and private certification schemes within a few years.

Egypt Launches Africa's First Eco Mark Program for Medical Tourism

The Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality launched the first African Eco Mark programme for sustainable medical tourism, describing it as the first initiative of its kind at the regional level. The scheme, overseen by EOS's Certification Unit for Services and Operations, aligns participating medical institutions with standards including ISO 22525 and the African Organization for Standardization's ARS-4.

Egypt | Certification Scheme and Medical Tourism

[Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality \(EOS\) - 5 May 2026](#)

Why it matters: Consultancies advising healthcare providers across Africa now have a concrete regional certification scheme to reference when positioning medical-tourism clients for international credibility.

EGAC Extends Proficiency Testing Accreditation Scope to Ten New Technical Fields

The Egyptian Accreditation Council extended the accredited scope of GOEIC's Proficiency Testing Unit following a surveillance assessment, adding ten technical fields spanning food safety, environmental testing, consumer products and materials analysis. The extension was granted in accordance with ISO/IEC 17043:2023.

Egypt | Accreditation and Proficiency Testing

[Egyptian Accreditation Council \(EGAC\) - 11 February 2026](#)

Why it matters: Laboratories relying on GOEIC's proficiency testing programme for ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation now have ten additional technical fields available locally, reducing dependence on overseas proficiency-testing providers.



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