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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

Montenegro's Accreditation Body Presents Small-Market Scaling Strategy in Utrecht

ATCG represented Montenegro at the first International Communication Network meeting among European accreditation bodies, delivering a presentation titled “Building Through Consistency: Scaling Accreditation in a Small Market” and exchanging practice on artificial intelligence applications and mutual recognition agreements.

Montenegro | Accreditation

[Accreditation Body of Montenegro \(ATCG\) - 24 June 2026](#)

Why it matters: Gives auditors and certification bodies operating in Montenegro visibility into how the national accreditation body is positioning its communication strategy and AI readiness as it scales mutual recognition across Europe.

Afghanistan Blocks Entry of Nearly 34 Tonnes of Substandard Tiles

ASQA intercepted and denied entry to a shipment of substandard ceramic tiles at a border crossing, the latest in a sustained series of import quality interventions this year covering construction materials, solar panels and iron girders.

Afghanistan | Standards and Import Quality Control

[Pajhwok Afghan News - 26 August 2026](#)

Why it matters: The frequency of these interventions signals a hardening import-quality enforcement posture; auditors and consultants supporting exporters into Afghanistan should expect increased scrutiny of construction and building-material shipments at the border.

Austria Publishes New Guidelines on Accreditation Scope Flexibility and Medical Laboratory Requirements

Austria's national accreditation authority issued Guidelines L43 and L15, introducing flexible-scope accreditation provisions and clarifying specific requirements for medical testing laboratories.

Austria | Accreditation and Medical Laboratories

[Akkreditierung Austria \(BMWET\) - 11 September 2026](#)

Why it matters: Laboratories and certification bodies operating flexible-scope accreditation in Austria now have a defined framework to align internal procedures against, ahead of their next surveillance assessment.

Algeria Confirms Transition to Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated

ALGERAC confirmed that, following the 1 January 2026 merger of the International Accreditation Forum and International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation into Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated (Global ACI), Algerian-accredited organisations retain their international recognition without re-evaluation.

Algeria | Accreditation

[ALGERAC - 14 January 2026](#)

Why it matters: Consultants and certification bodies working across IAF/ILAC-recognised schemes should update internal references from IAF/ILAC to Global ACI, since the restructuring changes which body now governs multilateral recognition arrangements worldwide.

ANSI and America Makes Launch Standards Database and Gaps Report for Additive Manufacturing

ANSI and America Makes released a searchable online standards database alongside a September 2026 Gaps Progress Report, helping manufacturers, regulators and researchers track standardization coverage as additive manufacturing expands into aerospace, medical device and defence applications.

United States | Standards and Advanced Manufacturing

[ANSI / America Makes via PR Newswire - 1 October 2026](#)

Why it matters: Aerospace quality teams qualifying additive manufacturing processes gain a consolidated reference for identifying which standards already exist and where gaps remain, directly relevant to AS9100D-aligned process validation work.

FCC Recognises ANAB as Accreditation Body for the U.S. Cyber Trust Mark Program

The Federal Communications Commission designated ANAB as an accreditation body under its voluntary cybersecurity labelling program for wireless IoT consumer products.

United States | Accreditation and Cybersecurity

[ANAB - 30 September 2026](#)

Why it matters: Certification bodies and laboratories pursuing Cyber Trust Mark testing accreditation now have a confirmed route through ANAB, opening a new accreditation scope relevant to IoT product manufacturers and their quality teams.

ASC Champions Supply Chain and Welfare Reforms at Global Shrimp Forum 2026

ASC co-hosted the Global Shrimp Forum in Utrecht, advancing initiatives on inclusive supply chains, ending eyestalk ablation in shrimp farming, and strengthening labour protections, alongside a pitch competition funding smallholder inclusion projects.

Global | Certification Scheme and Supply Chain

[ASC International - 21 September 2026](#)

Why it matters: Certification auditors in the aquaculture and seafood supply chain should track these welfare and labour themes, which typically migrate into ASC's certification requirements within subsequent standard revisions.

13th ARAC General Assembly Concludes in Makkah with New Strategic Resolutions

The Arab Accreditation Cooperation's General Assembly concluded in Makkah with a set of strategic and technical resolutions following its December 2025 meetings.

Saudi Arabia / Arab Region | Accreditation

[ARAC - 4 February 2026](#)

Why it matters: Resolutions from ARAC's General Assembly typically set the regional accreditation agenda for the year ahead; consultants supporting Gulf and broader Arab-region clients should watch for implementing guidance as it is published.

Qatar Chairs AIDSMO Ministerial General Assembly Session

Qatar assumed the chair of AIDSMO's Ministerial General Assembly, the pan-Arab body coordinating industrial development, standardization and mining policy across member states.

Qatar / Arab Region | Standards

[The Peninsula Qatar - 20 July 2026](#)

Why it matters: Qatar's chairmanship signals where regional standardization priorities may be steered over the coming term, relevant intelligence for consultancies with a Gulf presence tracking Arab-region standards harmonisation.

ISO 9001:2026 Officially Published

The International Organization for Standardization released ISO 9001:2026 on 16 September 2026, the first major revision to the world's most widely adopted quality management standard in over a decade, strengthening leadership accountability, clarifying risk management, and integrating climate-change considerations. Organisations have until 2029 to transition from the 2015 edition.

France / Global | Standards

[AFNOR International - 16 September 2026](#)

Why it matters: This is the single most consequential quality-management development of the year; certification bodies, auditors and consultancies need transition plans in place well ahead of the 2029 deadline, and gap-analysis services against the new edition represent an immediate advisory opportunity.

Austrian Standards Flags India as a Critical Growth Market for European Industry

Austrian Standards highlighted India as an emerging market where conformity to international and European standards is becoming decisive for the commercial success of Austrian and European enterprises entering the market.

Austria / India | Standards and Trade

[Austrian Standards - 3 June 2026](#)

Why it matters: Consultancies advising European clients on market entry into India can use this as a prompt to open standards-alignment and conformity-assessment conversations ahead of broader trade engagement.

Bangladesh Commits Tk851.93 Crore to Modernise BSTI Testing Laboratories

The Bangladesh government approved a multi-year project (2025–2028) to expand and upgrade BSTI's laboratory testing capacity for chemicals, food and physical products, strengthening both domestic consumer protection and export quality control.

Bangladesh | Standards and Testing Infrastructure

[Dhaka Tribune - 22 November 2025](#)

Why it matters: Exporters and certification bodies relying on BSTI testing capacity should anticipate expanded in-country testing options over the project period, potentially reducing dependence on overseas laboratories for compliance evidence.

Belarus and Russia Launch Joint Union State Committee on Standardization and Quality

Following a Supreme State Council meeting in Moscow, Belarus and Russia established a Union State Committee on Standardization and Quality to develop unified product standards and quality-control approaches across the two countries.

Belarus / Russia | Standards

[BelTA - 26 February 2026](#)

Why it matters: Consultancies and certification bodies operating in the Belarus–Russia trade corridor should monitor this committee's early output, since unified standards and quality-control requirements will reshape compliance expectations across both markets.

BELAC Sets CyFun 2025 Transition Deadline for Verification and Certification Bodies

BELAC confirmed that verification and certification bodies must obtain accreditation under the updated CyFun (Cyber Fundamentals) 2025 cybersecurity framework by 18 April 2027.

Belgium | Accreditation and Cybersecurity

[FPS Economy / BELAC - 12 December 2025](#)

Why it matters: Certification bodies offering CyFun assessments in Belgium have a clear transition deadline to plan their own re-accreditation against, avoiding a lapse in their ability to issue valid certificates.

BSI Publishes the Fourth Revision of the ISO 14001 Environmental Management Standard

BSI released the updated BS EN ISO 14001, strengthening leadership accountability, lifecycle thinking and supply-chain oversight, with improved integration with other ISO management-system standards; an estimated 676,232 organisations worldwide hold valid ISO 14001 certificates.

United Kingdom / Global | Standards and Environmental Management

[BSI - 15 April 2026](#)

Why it matters: Given the scale of the existing certified population, auditors and consultancies should expect a significant wave of transition and gap-assessment demand against the revised 14001 requirements over the coming cycle.

Standards Council of Canada Strengthens Collaboration with CEN and CENELEC

An SCC delegation visited the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) and the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC) to deepen cooperation on international standards development.

Canada / Europe | Standards Cooperation

CEN-CENELEC - 21 May 2026

Why it matters: Closer SCC–CEN/CENELEC alignment can ease technical-barrier friction for organisations trading standards-regulated goods between Canada and the European Union, worth flagging to clients with transatlantic supply chains.



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