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International Organization for Standardization

The **International Organization for Standardization** has a six-stage process for developing standards. The stages include the following:

- **Proposal stage.** The first step in developing a new standard starts when industry associations or consumer groups make a request. The relevant **ISO** committee determines whether a new standard is indeed required.
- **Preparatory stage.** A working group is set up to prepare a working draft of the new standard. The working group is composed of subject matter experts and industry stakeholders; when the draft is deemed satisfactory, the working group's parent committee decides which stage occurs next.
- **Committee stage.** This is an optional stage during which members of the parent committee review and comment on the draft standard. When the committee reaches consensus on the technical content of the draft, it can move to the next stage.
- **Enquiry stage.** The draft standard at this stage is called a Draft International Standard (DIS). It is distributed to **ISO** members for comments and, ultimately, a vote. If the DIS is approved at this stage without any technical changes, **ISO** publishes it as a standard. If not, it moves to the approval stage.
- **Approval stage.** The draft standard is submitted as a Final Draft International Standard (FDIS) to **ISO** members. They vote to approve the new standard.
- **Publication stage.** If **ISO** members approve the new standard, the FDIS is published as an official international standard.

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