ISO/IEC Directives

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that we are making available today on ISO Online new editions of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1: Procedures for the technical work, and Part 2: Rules for the structure and drafting of International Standards, together with an updated edition of the ISO Supplement to the ISO/IEC Directives – Procedures specific to ISO. Please refer to www.iso.org/directives.

The principal changes to Part 1 of the Directives since the previous edition are identified in the foreword. The ISO Supplement reflects all changes specific to ISO which have been agreed by the Technical Management Board since the previous edition, while the opportunity has also been taken to harmonize a number of procedures with the IEC and also to remove much material which was repetitive of text found elsewhere in the Directives. The Central Secretariat will be investigating the possibility of preparing a consolidated version of Part 1 of the Directives and the ISO Supplement in the coming months.

With respect to Part 2 of the Directives, the principal changes from the previous edition are similarly identified in the foreword. Attention is particularly drawn however to the provision for a transition period. The Central Secretariat will continue to accept texts for the enquiry and approval stages prepared in accordance with the previous edition until the end of September 2011. As from 1 October 2011, all new texts will be expected to be in accordance with the new edition of Part 2 of the Directives.

Yours faithfully,

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