

Law On Standardization  
regarding standardisation  
No. 590-XIII from 22.09.95

Published in Monitorul Oficial no. 11-12/116 from 22.02.1996

The Parliament adopts the present law.

The present law establishes the legal, social, economic and organizational basis for standardization activities in Republic of Moldova.

Standardization, considered as an important factor affecting the entire economy, human life, health and environmental protection, shall remove technical barriers of the country's integration into international trade, and constitutes a state prerogative.

## Chapter I

### General principles .

#### Article 1 Main Definitions

The present law provides the following definitions:

standardization - a specific activity of establishing with regard to real or potential problems, provisions for common and repeated use , in order to achieve an optimal degree of order in a given context;

standard - a document, established by consensus and approved by a recognized body , that provides for common and repeated use , rules, ghidelines or characteristics for activities or their results, aimed at the achivement of the optimal degree of order in a given context;

certification of conformity – action by a third party, confirms that a duly identified product, process or service is in conformity with a specific standard or other normative documents;

mark of conformity (for certification ) - mark protected in a settled way, applied or issued under the rules of a certification system , indicating with a sufficient degree of confidence, that a product, process or service is in conformity with a specific standard or other normative document.

National standardization - standardization, which is carried out at the level of one concrete country;

National standard - standard that is adopted by a national standardization body and made available to the public ;

International standard - standard accepted by international organization with standardizing activity and made available to the public ;

Standardization body - body acting in the field of standardization, recognized at national, regional or international levels, that has as a principal function, by virtue of its statutes, the preparation, approval or adoption of standards, that are made available to the public ;

National standardization body - standardization body recognized at the national level,

organizations;

Application of standard - use of standard in production, trade etc.;

Technical prescription (specification) - document that prescribes technical requirements to be fulfilled by a product, process or service;



Construction norms and regulations;  
Norms and regulations in the environment protection sector, energy sector,  
transports, and telecommunications;  
The industrial safety norms and regulations;  
Labour safety norms and regulations;



co-ordination, approval, reporting, modification and cancellation of the internal company standards shall be established by the respective business company independently.

(9) The procedures to be used for the development, co-ordination, adoption, registration, application and cancellation of technical regulations shall be established by the relevant adopting body.

(10) The information on the development and coming into effect of the technical regulations adopted by the public administration authorities shall be transmitted to the National Standardisation Body for the inclusion in the Technical Regulations Register.

(11) The regulatory standardisation documents shall be developed in conformity with the Law on

Art.10 p.2 is completed by Law nr. 919-XIV from 12.04.200

Art.10 p.3 is completed by Law nr. 919-XIV from 12.04.200

#### Article 11 National Fund for Normative Standardization Documents

The national standardization body constitutes and administers the National Fund for normative standardization documents and applies modern methods and resources of electronic data processing and other techniques and measures:

- a) Centralized state keeping of standards, technical specifications and technical normative regulations in the field of standardization of the Republic of Moldova, registered in the settled way by fundamental standards;
- b) Keeping of international, regional standards; of norms, rules and recommendations in the field of standardization, of national standards of other countries;
- c) Publishing of information regarding the keeping documents

#### Article 12 National System of Certification

1. Administration and coordination of certification activities lies with the national standardization body .
2. Accreditation and notification of bodies certifying products, processes , services, quality systems, personnel, accrediting of laboratories for certification testing , lies with the national standardization body .
3. Products, processes and services that require mandatory and voluntary certification shall comply with the requirements of the normative standardization documents. Otherwise, their use and trade are prohibited.
4. The national standardization body establish the conformity of the graphic symbol of the conformity mark with normative standardization documents, the mode of application of the mark as well as the issuing of licenses for marked products, processes and services to companies.
5. Normative standardization documents for products, processes and services subject to mandatory certification shall contain provisions settling the procedure of mandatory certification; control mechanisms, in conformity with these provisions; rules for marking of products, processes and services; as well as requirements concerning information on certification, attached to the normative standardization documents.

### Chapter III

Application of standards and responsibility for non-conformity with standards

#### Article 13 The national standard and its application

- (1) The national standard should contain provisions, not contradicting the current legislation.
- (2) The application of national standard has voluntary character.
- (3) The application of the national standard can become mandatory wholly or partially, on all the territory or at a local level, only by means of technical regulation, adopted by an authority, in a case when reasons of social character, on the protection of life, health and safety of natural persons, of the environment and the protection of consumers' interests make necessary such measure.
- (4) The including in the contracts on delivery (elaboration, fabrication) of products , of processes fulfillment (services offer), conditions of the conformity of products, (processes, services) to the requirements of normative documents on standardization applied in the Republic of Moldova is mandatory .

(5) The necessity of the application of normative documents on standardization concerning products (services), manufactured (offered) on the territory of the Republic of Moldova with the purpose of exportation, is determined on the contractual basis, except for cases established by the legislation of the Republic of Moldova.

(6) The importation of products , processes and services on the customs territory of the Republic of Moldova, as well as the approval of their conformity to the national normative documents on standardization is carried out according to the current legislation of the Republic of Moldova.”

.  
Art.13 in redaction of Law no. 919-XIV from 12.04.2000

Art.17 p.1 in redaction of law no. 919-XIV from 12.04.2000

2. The state inspector has the right:

a) to a free access in service and industrial premises(rooms) of economic agents, where the normative documentation is developed, the preparation for production is undertaken, manufacturing, sailing, storage, repairing of products, fulfillment of processes and offers of services

Letter a) in redaction of Law no. 919-XIV from 12.04.2000

b) to get documents and information necessary for state control and supervision purposes;

c) to use specialists and technical resources of the company for state control and supervision purposes;

d) to take samples of products, processes, and services in order to verify their conformity with the provisions of the normative standardization documents; the costs of the samples of product have to be add to the production costs of the monitored company.

e) to issue prescripts on the abolition of infringements ization documents; the costs on chd8



infringements indicated in paragraph (3)b) of the present article, the company receives within 5 days a prescription to pay a fine which shall be allocated to the state budget. If the fine is not paid within one month after reception, the file is sent to the court or arbitration for further prosecution.

5. The state inspectors must perform their tasks in the interest of the consumers, companies and the state on the base of legislation,.
6. According to the legislation, the state inspectors bear responsibility for omitted or inappropriate performance of their tasks as well as for the disclosure of state and commercial secrets.

## Chapter V

International cooperation in the field of standardization.

### Article 18 International Technical and Scientific Cooperation

1. International technical and scientific cooperation in the field of standardization takes place on the basis of cooperation agreements.
- 2.

countries) into the official languages of the Republic of Moldova for use in national documents;

- scientific research in those areas of standardization which are of national importance;
- state control and supervision of observance of the provisions of normative standardization documents;
- informatisation of the activity of the national body for standardization, including the creation of data bases containing normative standardization documents and descriptions thereof; creation of technological lines for executing, storage and distribution of copies of normative documents; establishment of data exchange systems, using the present telecommunication lines;

>From point b) the words " the accession to the international, regional organizations, participation in the work of which is authorized by Parliament and Government, and the payment of the member inclusion" to exclude and to include in point ) after the first paragraph.

b) own resources of the national standardization body, allocated for:

- establishment, administration and updating the National Fund for normative standardization documents;
- ensuring function of the national information center, including E-mail;
- . These expenses are included in the cost of services provided by the subdivisions of the national standardization body . The financial resources for these expenses are deposited on a special account;

c) transfers amounting to 5% of the cost of laboratory tests for audit control purposes according to international practices;

d) resources provided by relster, includiion





- |    |  |                        |   |
|----|--|------------------------|---|
| 1. | Elaboration and application of a set of organizational-methodological documents to ensure operability of the National System of Standardization and Metrology  | 1996 - 1998            | Department of Standards, Metrology and Technical Supervision;<br>Ministry of Economy;<br>Ministry of Finance  |
| 2. | Elaboration and application of mandatory provisions to ensure work security, safety of products, processes and services for human life and health, material goods and the environment, technical and information related compatibility and exchangeability of products according to national standards according to national standards (in fields of activity) and the provisions of the ISO/CEI 7 "Requirements of Standards for Certification" and the ISO/CEI 51 "General Rules on Security Problems described in Standards". | 2. Semester 1998       | Department of Standards, Metrology and Technical Supervision;<br>Ministry of Health;<br>Ministry of Labour, Social Protection and Family;<br>Ministry of Transport and Roads;<br>Ministry of Internal Affairs;<br>Department of Architecture and Construction;<br>Department of Environment Protection;<br>Department of Energy Resources and Fuel. |
| 3. | Design of the state programme for the elaboration and application of the standards for technical-scientific terminology in state language.   | 3. Quarter 1997        | Ministry of Education (National Terminology Centre);<br>Department of Standards, Metrology and Technical Supervision.   |
| 4. | Declaration to the National Terminology Body of all measurement techniques which should be subject to mandatory state control and supervision according to Article 21 of the Law on Metrology.   | Annually, on January 1 | Public Administration Bodies;<br>Natural and legal persons.   |
| 5. | Elaboration of action plans for the application of the Law on Standardization and the Law on Metrology by Departments.   | 2. Quarter 1997        | Public Administration Bodies  |

## II. Training of personnel in the field of standardization and metrology

- |    |  |                              |   |
|----|--|------------------------------|---|
| 1. | Training of personnel in the field of standardization and metrology. | Commences by January 1, 1996 | Ministry of Education;<br>Ministry of Economy;<br>Ministry of Finance;<br>Department of Standards, Metrology and Technical Supervision. |
|----|--|------------------------------|---|

## III. International Activities

- |    |  |                        |  |
|----|--|------------------------|--|
| 1. | Strengthening cooperation with international and regional organizations in the field of standardization (ISO, CEI, CEN, CENELEC) and metrology (OIML). | 1996 - 1997            | Ministry of Finance;<br>Ministry of Economy;<br>Ministry of External Affairs;<br>Department of Standards, Metrology and Technical Supervision. |
| 2. | Conclusion of bilateral agreements on the cooperation between national organizations for standardization and metrology - parties to trade agreements   | depending on necessity | Ministry of Economy;<br>Ministry of External Affairs;<br>Department of Standards, Metrology and Technical Supervision.                         |

Annex No 2

to the Decision No 363 of June, 25, 1995,  
of the Government of the Republic of Moldova

List of Public Administration Bodies

Public Administration Body	Responsibility for the elaboration of obligatory requirements of normative acts	Responsibility for the design of standardization activities with general technical character
1	2	3

Moldova