Acoustic Standards developed by Standards Australia

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ABSTRACT

Acoustic standards produced by Standards Australia are developed under set procedures and policies. My presentation aims to clarify Standards Australia’s procedures and policies as well as provide information on current acoustic projects at Standard Australia. General information regarding Standards Australia will be provided. The following list questions that will be answered in the presentation: what is a standard?, who develops the standards?, why are standards important?, are standards mandatory?, how are standards funded?. The steps that apply in creating a new Australian standard will be spelled out. For example, the rules required for a draft to be published - that is, there must be no major sectional interest maintaining a negative vote and there must be 80% agreement from committee members. The periods for committee comment and public comment will also be detailed, as well as, how the public is encouraged to actively participate in the commenting process. Statistical information on Standards Australia will also be listed - for instance; how many standards are published, what percentage of standards published are made mandatory etc. Logistical information such as how does someone become a committee member, and how can someone request for a new standard to be developed, will be explained. Current acoustic projects at Standards Australia will also be provided. This will include the name of existing committees and some of the projects that are currently being undertaken by those committees.