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SPCG – Standardization Programme Coordination Group

SPCG recommendation on the SAC proposal to ISO/TMB for a new field of technical activity on "*Consumer product safety management*"
SPCG notes that the proposed area of new work in ISO, is of interest to the IEC and ITU-T community. SPCG recommends that there should be no technical overlap or duplication of work with existing IEC TCs or ITU study groups on the subject of the SAC proposal.

SPCG offers the following recommendations:

1. The proposal regarding Consumer Product Safety Management is of common interest to IEC and ITU-T. From an IEC perspective, there is a specific proposal for a new ISO IS/TS for design for the safety of consumer products (page 2, no. 5) and for testing methods (no. 6), which is clearly in the area of interest of IEC. In addition, on page 4 of the proposal it states: "At present no relevant TC in ISO is aimed at formulating relevant international standards with focusing on consumer product safety", however there are certainly IEC TCs dealing with consumer product safety.

SPCG recommendation: SPCG invites ISO/TMB to ensure that there is appropriate liaison between the following relevant IEC Technical Committees. If the proposal is approved, once the scope of the ISO activity is finalised, SPCG notes that it may be necessary to develop joint working groups, or equivalent.
Relevant IEC Technical Committees:

- **TC 44, Safety of machinery - Electrotechnical aspects**
- **TC 61 Safety of household and similar electrical appliances and SCs 61B, 61C, 61D, 61H**
- **TC 66 Safety of measuring, control and laboratory equipment**
- **TC 116 Safety of motor-operated electric tools**

2. From an ITU-T perspective, there is an overlap with ongoing activities in several of ITU-T study groups which address standardization issues on safety for consumer products, such as universal charger, counterfeit or stolen ICT devices, headsets, headphones, handsets, hands-free terminals, safe listening devices, and personal connected health systems. In addition, clarification is needed of the term and concept of "intelligent regulatory technology", should such technologies refer to or include Artificial Intelligence (AI), then coordination with the ITU-T study groups, which have AI activities will be necessary.

SPCG recommendation: SPCG invites ISO/TMB to ensure that effective coordination and liaisons be established with the following ITU-T study groups, should this proposed new ISO TC be established:

- **ITU-T Study Group 5 "Environment, climate change and circular economy" for Universal power adapter and charger solution for mobile terminals and other hand-held ICT devices;**
- **ITU-T Study Group 11 "Signalling requirements, protocols, test specifications and combating counterfeit products" for counterfeit and stolen ICT devices;**
- **ITU-T Study Group 12 "Performance, QoS and QoE" for headsets, headphones, handsets, and hands-free terminals;**
- **ITU-T Study Group 16 "Multimedia coding, systems and applications" for safe listening devices/systems, and personal connected health systems.**

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