

Grid Connection European Stakeholder Committee

RESPONSES TO STAKEHOLDER QUESTIONS WITH REGARDS TO STANDARDS

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Responses on questions with regards to standards (I)

- What happens if standards do not follow legislation fast enough? State owned organisations cannot purchase equipment not supported by standards, or undefined in the codes?
 - Standards, contrary to EU Regulations such as CNCs, are voluntary, unless they are made binding by national legislation.
 - Following the adoption of a CNC, national legislation needs to adapt to the CNC requirements.
 - State-owned and private companies need to comply with law. They shall adhere to standards if required by law. An EU Regulation can go beyond existing standards and state-owned and private companies shall comply with such EU Regulations. Standards will then have to be adapted to the new EU rules.
 - As long as RfG compliant standards are not available, compliance shall be demonstrated in accordance with the applicable provisions of the CNC.

Responses on questions with regards to standards (II)

- Shall state-owned companies (which applies to most TSOs) adhere to European Standards and are they entitled to require anything which goes beyond or is not in line with such Standards?
 - Standards being voluntary, there are no obstacles for TSOs to impose requirements going beyond existing standards, as long as such requirements are in line with the CNC.
 - If the standard is binding pursuant to national law, national legislation needs to be updated to be in line with the CNC requirements. It could be considered that a TSO goes in this frame beyond the standards applicable pursuant to the existing national legislation.

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