

American National Standards Institute (ANSI)

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Overview of Organization:

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On the global stage, ANSI is the official U.S. representative to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and, via the U.S. National Committee, the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), and is a U.S. representative to the International Accreditation Forum (IAF). ANSI also participates as a U.S. representative to the Pacific Area Standards Congress (PASC), the Pan American Standards Commission (COPANT), and other regional fora.

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