

CONCLUSION

Canada has always been an active participant in the international work on labelling standards within ISO. During the critical phases of standards development, the Canadian delegation to SC3 always consisted of representation from government, industry and consumers. This balanced delegation approach created a benchmark for other national standards bodies to achieve. It also ensured that our positions helped create consensus at the international table.

The proposed revision cycle of all documents scheduled to begin in 2008 is the most significant piece of work to be tackled by TC207/SC3 since the initial standards development. It is to be hoped that Canada can still participate in a meaningful way.

Participation of government and industry within the Canadian Advisory Committee (CAC) and the Canadian delegation is critical. It is also critical that the system within Canada informs and supports the Canadian positions and the ability of the CAC to establish those positions and carry them forward at the international table.

Environment Canada needs to participate in the decisions to be taken, particularly those surrounding the merging of the documents and the level of revision required. Environment Canada as owner of the ecologo, is a key player in the revision of 14024 and needs to be at the table throughout that process.
