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Dear Alan,

For several years, ISO has applied criteria according to which ISO/IEC JTC 1 standards may, on the request of the committee, be made available free of charge on the web. The IEC Council Board (CB) originally decided to proceed differently, and to take a decision case by case on whether a standard might be made available free of charge or not.

Recently, the Council Board asked an *ad hoc* group led by Mr Yumoto of Japan to re-examine the situation and to propose an efficient procedure for dealing with such requests from JTC 1. At its meeting this month, the CB accepted the group's recommendations, the decision reading:

“Criteria for availability free of charge on the WWW of JTC 1 Publications

CB DECISION 2003/016

Acknowledging with appreciation the efforts of the task force headed by CB Member Mr Yumoto, and stressing that this should be applicable to JTC 1 only, the Council Board approved the criteria according to which JTC 1 Publications may be released free of charge on the WWW, as summarized in Annex.

In addition, the Council Board invites the ISO Council to concur with this decision so that the release procedures can be harmonized between the two organizations.”

As you will see in the Annex, many of the criteria are identical to those in ISO Council Resolution 50/1999; the others seemed to the CB to complete the intentions of the process and therefore to be desirable additions. There was also one restriction decided with respect to the ISO criteria: not all Technical Reports but just a subset of Type 3 TRs will correspond to the IEC criteria.

May I kindly request that you deal with the CB's invitation within ISO as you deem appropriate?

Yours sincerely,

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IEC General Secretary



ANNEX TO CB DECISION LIST
Summary of the Proposal concerning

	Items of the proposed criteria	Justification	Ease of consensus
From ISO resolution 50/1999	(1) Publications that are merely references (pointers) to other documents, e.g. developed outside JTC 1	Available free from other sites	+++
	(2) FREE ELSEWHERE: Publications for which authorized identical documents are freely available in electronic format elsewhere	Available free from other sites	+++
	(3) CORRIGENDA: Technical Corrigenda	Free in IEC	+++
	(5) REFERENCE MODELS A: Standards which explain the relationships between existing standards	Catalogues of standards for sales promotion	++
	Technical Reports	Deleted to align with other IEC documents	
Additional criteria	(4) BITSTREAMS: Testing bitstreams and reference software.	Originally part of standards	++
	(6) REFERENCE MODELS B: Architectural descriptions which describe frameworks to guide standards development, including profiles and taxonomies	Not implementable specifications and enhance awareness and influence of JTC 1	+
	(7) INTRODUCTIONS: Purely introductory parts of multi-part standards	Catalogues of standards for sales promotion	++
	(8) SUBSETS: Those Type 3 technical reports which describe basic visions and concepts in the technical domains covered by a set of standards	Enhance awareness and influence of JTC 1	+

Criteria for free availability of JTC 1 Publications on the WWW

The rules for the selection of the criteria:

- (1) Insignificant impact on revenue by free access
- (2) Promotion of the sales of other JTC 1 documents
- (3) Enhancement of awareness and dominance of JTC 1 work

