



EUTC Response to a
Proposal for a
REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND
OF THE COUNCIL

amending Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 as regards the
decisions of European standardisation organisations
concerning European standards and European
standardisation deliverables

EUTC is pleased to provide feedback on the above proposal.

Whilst we can identify with the objectives of the proposal, we fear that the result will be an even greater delay in the introduction of new harmonised European Standards as a result of the increased complexity of the process.

Technology is developing so quickly that the standards process struggles to develop the necessary harmonised standards on a suitable time frame. This increasing complexity and internationalisation of standards making is tending to exclude all but the largest global players.

Although at first sight, the proposed Commission changes might appear to enable SMEs to contribute through their own national standards bodies, the increase in time and complexity of the process will mitigate against their involvement. Indeed, not only will this affect SMEs and Trade Bodies such as EUTC, but we have noted that fewer and fewer national administrations have the financial or technical resources to participate in standards making, leaving the field open to only the largest and most powerful countries.

Thus, although well intentioned, we fear that the proposal will not achieve its objective in that the delay in production of harmonised international standards will provide more opportunities for proprietary standards to gain a dominant position in the absence of international standards, to the detriment of European consumers and industry.

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