

**SC32 request to JTC 1
for
Plan for publication of standard that has entered publication stage**

ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 32 requests ISO/IEC JTC 1 to require the editors in Geneva to provide the project editors and the secretariat with a detailed plan for the publication of the document within 2 weeks of its submission and to report immediately any deviation from that plan

The publication of standards and technical corrigenda is an opaque process and appears to be subject to inordinate and unexplained delay. SC 32 recognizes that there are limited publication resources at ISO and that requests for publication come from the many Technical Committees as projects reach their final stages.

SC 32 has experienced delays in final publication of some of its work. SC 32 desires that ISO provides a publication plan to the SC Secretary and Project Editor at the time of submission and at any point where there is a significant deviation that extends the plan.

As example of the problem, the experience of the various technical corrigenda for ISO/IEC 9075 can be cited. The last published corrigendum disappeared for nearly a year into an administrative black hole and was only rescued after repeated requests from the SC32 secretariat.

The current corrigendum, after the receipt and response to a number of mistaken statements and requests, disappeared for nearly 4 months until again repeated requests from the SC32 secretariat elicited a response from the editors in Geneva. These included requests for changes in formats which were found acceptable in previous editions, requests for changes of dates caused by the delays in Geneva and misstatements about the status of a part of the standard. In order to provide the project editors and the secretariat with a better picture of what is happening to their documents,

SC 32 believes that with a detailed plan for the publication of the document, the Project Editor and the SC Secretary may better understand and respond to ISO's publication needs and requests as related to the SC and to the document.

Resolution approved by ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 32 on 2005-04-22 (Document 32N1273) at the SC 32 Berlin Plenary

Resolution WG 03 / 15: SC 32/WG 03 Visibility of the Document Publication Process

SC 32/WG 03 approves the following and requests SC32's endorsement:

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