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India elected as member of Standardization Management Board of the International Electro-Technical Commission (IEC)

Shri Vimal Mahendru, the BIS candidate, has been elected as a member of Standardization Management Board (SMB) of the IEC during the 78th IEC Council Meeting held in Tokyo on 14 Nov 2014. Shri Mahendru has been elected for a three year term from 2015 – 2017.

The changing contours of the international trade have brought the international standards to the forefront. India as a signatory to the WTO-TBT Agreement is required to permit free trade of goods conforming to international standards except in certain cases. It is therefore essential for India to participate actively in the development of international standards to effectively portray and protect Indian interests. This would also minimize the trade barriers the Indian industry may face in exporting their products to the world market, thus facilitating the success of “**Make in India**” campaign. BIS, the National Standards Body of India, as the member of the international standards developing organisations such as the ISO and IEC has identified this as a thrust area and all efforts are being made to increase India’s participation at international level.

It was also realised that it is important to not only participate in the Technical committees of organizations such as ISO and IEC but also to take a position in their Governance bodies. BIS has so far held positions in the ISO Governance bodies such as ISO Council and ISO Technical management Board regularly and now will also be represented on the IEC Standardization Management Board.

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