

Newsletter ISO/PC 308 'Chain of Custody'

This is the first newsletter for the ISO committee Chain of Custody. With this newsletter you will find the latest news on Chain of Custody, read contributions of the members and get up to date on the meetings and events.

ISO meeting in London on October 3rd & 4th 2017 and revised project planning

At the beginning of October we held our 2nd plenary meeting and very constructive working group sessions of ISO/PC 308 'Chain of Custody'. We succeeded to finalize a first complete working draft based on the recommendations of the task groups on standard mapping exercise (led by ITC) and the terms & definitions (led by Nofima). Also the chapters on general requirements and the description of the Chain of Custody models were extensively discussed and updated.

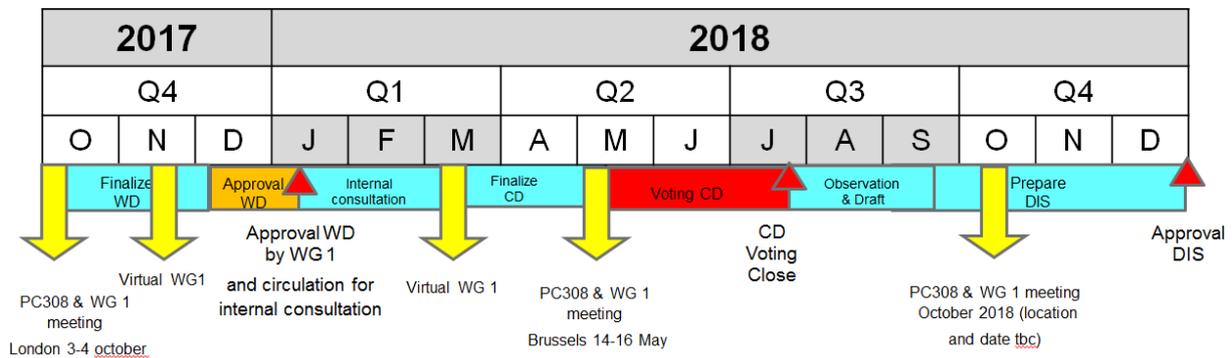
On November 21st, 2017 the working group experts and liaison partners discussed the necessary steps for further refinement of the draft. In the meantime the final WD version has been shared with the WG1 members for approval so that **the first internal consultation among the national mirror committees can start on January 15th, 2018.**

The delegations decided during the plenary meeting to invest extra time in the CD preparation to grant more ISO members the time to actively join the work within the next few months. This way, their contributions to the CD version can still be taken into account. The CD ballot is now planned for June 2018. The next plenary meeting to approve the CD document will take place on 14-16 May 2018 at the GS1 global office in Brussels.

At the moment 11 countries and various international liaison partners are actively participating in the work of ISO/PC 308, a.o. Germany, China, Great Britain, Mexico, Japan, Thailand, Sweden, ISEAL Alliance, ITC, UNECE, ECOS, GS1 etc. For the last update of active participation and their motivation you can refer to the ISO website ([link](#)) or NEN website ([link](#)).



Revised project planning ISO 22095 'Chain of Custody'



Mexico joins the CoC committee with input on national Tequila standards

In May 2017 Mexico joined the committee as a P-member and actively contributed to the standards mapping exercise by supplying various National Standards about a designation of origin of certain products (such as Tequila). These national standards set the criteria required for such products to be traceable to a region or a process in order to be able to be certified as “that type of product”.

The Mexican mirror committee advises stakeholders from high end products industries such as diamonds, furs, electrical technology, metals, to also provide input on their current Chain of Custody requirements for their respective sectors.

Our newest members are Germany, UNECE/UNCEFACT and Natrue

The UNECE committee UN/CEFACT is the United Nation's Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business. UN/CEFACT develops and maintains a number of technical standards such as Track and Trace eBusiness standards for Animal Traceability, Fishery Traceability (UN/CEFACTFLUX), Cargo Tracking and Trace, Transboundary Movement of Waste, Guidelines on Traceability Framework. Currently the committee is in the process of developing a recommendation on a Traceability Framework and Textile Traceability.

Stakeholders 'Chain of Custody'

- Strong industry support, especially from global players and stakeholder categories
- Buy-in from different sectors is key to make a truly horizontal standard
- ISO Chairman: Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs
- Current liaison organisations reflect the horizontal applicability
- Missing links: healthcare, textiles, etc.



Q&A available on the website

"Why is Chain of Custody so important?", "Why do we need a generic ISO standard as there are already so many Chain of Custody standards around", "Who is already involved in the process?" – all very relevant questions. In the new section [FAQ on the website](#) the ISO/PC 308 stakeholders give their answers.

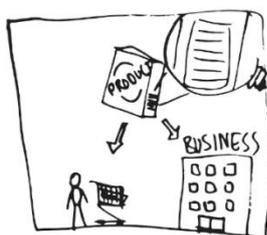
"A credible Chain of Custody system is the value generating side of traceability as it has an immediate effect on consumer trust."

Nofima, Petter Olsen (research & education)

"Communication is crucial to supply chain actors within the (oils and fats) supply chain with respect to 'What do I ask, what do I receive and what did I really receive'. A uniform language for existing standards, upcoming standards and internal policies will make international trade more predictable. A globally shared language is necessary to increase transparency in the supply chain"

MVO The Netherlands Oils and Fats industry, Eddy Esselink (processor):

CHAIN OF CUSTODY – storyboard



"Whether you're a business, or a consumer:

when you **buy** a product, you should be able to **trust** what it says on the package."

Announcement ISO/PC 308 – the Movie!

In 2018 a short film on YouTube explaining the concept of Chain of Custody and the work done within ISO/PC 308 will come available for all stakeholders and ISO members to share with their respective networks.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year

We can look back on a very productive first year. In March we had the kick-off of the ISO/PC 308 in Zaandam, The Netherlands and in December we managed to complete the working draft. There were several (virtual) meetings where stakeholder, from different sectors, countries and organizations, constructively worked together for the common objective of a shared language in Chain of Custody.

Also on behalf of the chairman Mr. Rob Busink, I wish you all a wonderful holiday season and look forward to working with this committed group of experts in 2018!

Juliane Eykelhoff, secretary ISO/PC 308 'Chain of Custody'



NEN Christmas greetings: 'How do you celebrate Christmas this year?'

