

STATUTES
of the
BULGARIAN INSTITUTE FOR
STANDARDISATION

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I. Name and seat of business

Art. 1. (1) (Amended, SG No. 79/2008) The Bulgarian Institute for Standardisation (BIS) [Българският институт за стандартизация (БИС)], having its name written with equal effect as *Bulgarian Institute for Standardisation (BDS)* has been set up in order of the Law on National Standardisation (publicised in SG No. 88 from 4 November 2005, effective 05.05.2006) as a public legal organization, a legal person, seated in Sofia.

(2) The business address of the Bulgarian Institute for Standardisation shall be determined by its Governing Board.

Art. 2. The Bulgarian Institute for Standardisation is the national standardisation body of the Republic of Bulgaria and it shall represent the Republic of Bulgaria at the following international and European standardisation organisations:

- The International Organization for Standardization (ISO),
- The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC),
- The Comité Européen de Normalisation [European Committee for Standardization] (CEN),
- The Comité Européen de Normalisation Electrotechnique [European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization] (CENELEC).

Art. 3. The Bulgarian Institute for Standardisation is non-profit organization and shall work to the public benefit and shall not distribute profits.

Art. 4. The Bulgarian Institute for Standardisation shall carry out its operations in compliance with the laws of the Republic of Bulgaria, these statutes, the rules for national standardisation activities and the decisions of its bodies.

II. Aims. Principles

Art. 5. The aims that the Bulgarian Institute for Standardisation must achieve are to:

1. Assist the development and competitiveness of the Bulgarian economy in the presence of a growing international economic integration ensuring sustainable development,
2. Harmonise national standards with European and international ones as a prerequisite for improving the quality of products, processes and services and for reducing and gradually eliminating technical barriers to trade,
3. Contribute to legislation in respect to the requirements for preservation and improvement of the quality of life, safety and health, environmental and consumer protection, ensuring unified requirements shared by all, as well as characteristic features, rules, norms and procedures that could be used for conformity assessment.

Art. 6. In order to achieve its aims, the Bulgarian Institute for Standardisation shall respect the following generally accepted principles:

1. The right of voluntary involvement and contribution of all interested groups in developing and approving Bulgarian standards.
2. Consensus (general agreement) of standardisation work participants on the technical content of standards.
3. Prevalence of public over private personal interests of standardisation work participants.
4. Transparency of work and access of the public to the Bulgarian standards.
5. Interchangeability of Bulgarian standards.
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7. Respect for the rules of the European and international standardisation organisations.

III. Operations

Art. 7. In order to achieve its aims, the Bulgarian Institute for Standardisation shall carry out the following operations:

1. Develop, approve and amend the rules and procedures for national standardisation activities,
2. Prepare methodical guidance for developing standards to be approved by agencies, branches of industry and by undertakings,
3. Draft, approve and publicise a standardisation programme in compliance with the interests of standardisation stakeholders,
4. Develop, approve and adopt or implement, re-endorse, amend or withdraw the Bulgarian standards and the Bulgarian standardisation documents,
5. Distribute Bulgarian standards, draft Bulgarian standards and standardisation documents,
6. Distribute draft European standards, international standards, foreign national standards and draft foreign national standards,
7. Set up and maintain databases of standards and standardisation documents,
8. Set up and maintain a fund of national, international, European and foreign national standards and a specialised library,
9. Carry out exchange of standards,
10. Set up a conformity assessment system with the requirements of Bulgarian standards,
11. Organise training courses, seminars, conferences and other forms of training and expansion of participants in national standardisation activities,
12. Issue an official bulletin and a catalogue of Bulgarian standards,
13. Publish an annual report,
14. Cooperate with similar standardisation organisations from other countries in the field of standardisation,
15. (Amended, SG No. 96/2013) fulfil the obligations arising from the Agreement on the Technical Barriers to Trade and Regulation 1025/2012, as also set forth in Art. 35, 36, 37 and 38 of the Law on National Standardisation.

IV. Membership. Rights and obligations

Art. 8. (1) Membership of the Bulgarian Institute for Standardisation shall be voluntary.

(2) Persons wishing to support national standardisation activities and who agree to comply with the BDS Statutes belonging to the following groups can become BDS members:

1. Employer associations, industrial branch chambers, manufacturers and traders,
2. Ministries, agencies, commissions and administrative structures of the executive authorities set up by law or a decree of the Council of Ministers,
3. Scientific organisations, research institutes and universities,
4. Conformity assessment bodies, inspection bodies, certification bodies, testing and/or calibration laboratories,
5. Insurer, consumer associations, professional organisations and unions.

(3) Any BDS member shall designate an authorised representative to take part in the General Assembly. Authorisation shall be effective when set out in a written application [to BDS].

(4) Authorised BDS member representatives cannot be BDS staff members.

Art. 9. BDS membership shall not be transferred or assigned.

Types of membership

Art. 10. BDS membership status shall be:

1. Corporate member,
2. As observer of technical committees' work,
3. Of active participation, through with experts, in the work of technical committees.

Admission

Art. 11. (1). New BDS members shall be admitted after the submission of a written application to the Chairman of the Governing Board.

(2) The written application shall specify:

1. Title and business address of the entity,
2. A statement of consent to comply with the Statutes, the resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Governing Board,
3. The full name and address for correspondence of the individual authorised as representative to the BDS General Assembly.

(3) For members having observer status in technical committees work, the application shall also contain:

1. Consent to comply with the rules for national standardisation activities,
2. The title(s) of technical committee(s) in whose work they wish to take part as observers.

(4) For members with active participant status through experts in the technical committees work, the application shall also contain, in addition to the requisite items under paragraph 2:

1. Consent to comply with the rules for national standardisation activities,
2. The title(s) of technical committee(s) in whose work they wish to take active part through experts,
3. The full name and address for correspondence of the expert(s) who will take part in the work of technical committee(s).

Art. 12. (1) The BDS General Assembly shall admit new members.

(2) By virtue of a resolution the General Assembly may entrust the Governing Board with examining applications for membership in the period between two sessions, as well as with making decisions on the admission of new members.

(3) Governing Board decisions on the admission of new members shall be subject to endorsement by the General Assembly.

(4) Candidates shall be notified in writing of the resolutions on membership.

Art. 13. BDS membership shall be acquired from the date of the Governing Board resolution after payment of the membership fees for the respective calendar year.

Termination of membership

Art. 14. BDS membership shall terminate upon:

1. Leaving,
2. Dissolution of the legal entity or sole trader,
3. Expulsion,
4. Termination of BDS operations.

Art. 15. Termination of membership upon leaving shall occur upon a three-month advance notice addressed to the Chairman of the Governing Board.

Art. 16. Termination of membership in the case of Art. 14, item 2 shall occur on the basis of a decision of the registration body for the deletion of the legal entity or sole trader.

Art. 17. Termination of membership upon expulsion shall occur in the following cases:

1. Failure to pay the membership fee within one calendar year,
2. Gross or systematic breach of obligations and non-compliance with the Statutes or resolutions of the General Assembly or the Governing Board,
3. Undermining the good reputation of BDS.

Art. 18. (1) The General Assembly shall pass resolutions for termination of membership.

(2) The General Assembly may entrust the Governing Board with passing resolutions for the termination of membership under Art. 15, Art. 16 and Art. 17, item 1 in the period between two sessions. Governing Board resolutions shall be subject to endorsement by the General Assembly.

(3) General Assembly resolutions under Art. 17, items 2 and 3 shall be passed after a written invitation to and hearing of the party concerned. In case the concerned party fails to appear a resolution shall be passed without a hearing.

(4) Resolutions for the termination of membership shall enter into force on the date they are passed.

Art. 19. Upon termination of membership, the membership contribution for the then current year shall not be reimbursed.

Reinstatement of membership

Art. 20. Membership of BDS shall be reinstated after submission of a written application to the Chairman of the Governing Board.

Art. 21. (1) In cases a request is made for reinstatement of membership which has been terminated in pursuance of Art. 14, item 3 read in conjunction with Art. 17, membership shall be reinstated following payment of a membership fee for the period in which the membership was terminated.

(2) Resolutions on reinstatement of membership shall be passed by the Governing Board. Resolutions shall be subject to endorsement by the General Assembly.

(3) Resolutions for reinstatement of membership shall enter into force from the date a resolution is passed.

Succession in membership

Art. 22. Successors of a BDS member following its reorganisation may become BDS members, addressing a notification to this effect to the Chairman of the Governing Board, enclosing therewith the respective evidence and declaring their consent to comply with the Statutes and the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Governing Board without any need to have recourse at the admission process under Art. 11 and 12.

Rights of BDS members

Art. 23. (1) Corporate status BDS members shall have the right to:

1. Take part through an authorised representative and vote in the General Assembly,
2. Elect and be elected to BDS management bodies,
3. Express their views – directly or through their authorised representative – about BDS activities,
4. Receive, as a priority, information about national, European and international standardisation,
5. Be informed of BDS activities and receive free of charge the official bulletin, the catalogue, the annual report and other BDS informative publications,

6. Be entitled to discounts for seminars, conferences, training courses, etc. organised by or in cooperation with BDS.
7. (New – SG No 2/2016) Submit proposals for amending and supplementing BDS Statutes through the Governing board
- (2) Observer status BDS members sitting on technical standardisation committees shall also have, in addition to rights under para 1, the right to discount when purchasing standards, standardisation documents and specialised BDS publications.
- (3) BDS members with the status of active participation in technical standardisation committees through experts shall also have, in addition to the rights under paras 1 and 2, the right to receive free of charge draft Bulgarian, European and international standards in the field of operation of the respective technical committee in which they participate, in order to submit their views and opinions.
- (4) Technical committee experts shall receive free of charge work documents, subject to copyright observance and respect for BDS's rights of distribution.
- (5) Discount from sales of standards and standardisation documents to BDS members shall be fixed by a decision of the Governing Board upon proposal of the Control Board.

Obligations of BDS members

Art. 24. (1) BDS members shall have the following obligations:

1. Comply with the Statutes and implement the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Governing Board,
 2. Contribute to achieving the aims and implementing the assignment of BDS,
 3. Pay their membership fee by the end of the first quarter each calendar year,
 4. Comply with the rules for national standardisation activities,
 5. Respect BDS exploitation rights and copyrights,
 6. Abstain from action to the detriment of BDS aims and interests,
 7. Support technical committee work in which they participate.
- (2) BDS members having active participation status through experts in technical standardisation committees shall have the obligation of providing opinions and voting on draft Bulgarian standards developed in the respective technical committees.

Membership fees

Art. 25. The amount and payment of membership fees shall be specified in a resolution of the General Assembly upon proposal of the Control Board.

V. BDS bodies

Art. 26. BDS bodies shall be the following:

1. The General Assembly,
2. The Governing Board,
3. The Control Board,
4. The Managing Director,
5. Technical Boards,
6. Technical Committees.

VI. General Assembly

Art. 27. (1) The General Assembly shall be the supreme body of the BDS.

(2) The General Assembly shall:

1. Adopt, amend and add to the Statutes,
2. Admit and expel BDS members and set the amount of membership fees,
3. Elect and dismiss members of the Governing Board and two of the Control Board members,
4. Adopt the BDS budget and the report on its implementation,
5. Adopt the report on BDS activities,
6. May entrust the Governing Board with adopting resolutions on the admission of members in pursuance of Art. 12, para 2 and on termination of membership in pursuance of Art. 15 and Art. 16.

Art. 28. (1) Authorised representatives of all BDS members shall take part in the General Assembly.
(2) Each BDS member shall have one vote in the General Assembly.

Convocation of the General Assembly

Art. 29. (1) The General Assembly shall be regular and extraordinary. A regular General Assembly shall be convoked annually at the BDS seat.
(2) A regular General Assembly shall be convoked by the Governing Board at the latter's initiative or at the request of one-third of BDS members.
(3) An extraordinary General Assembly shall be convoked at the decision of the Governing Board or at the written request of one-third of the General Assembly members.
(4) In cases under para 3 the Governing Board shall convoke a General Assembly within 14 days of receiving a request. Where the Governing Board fails to convoke an extraordinary General Assembly within the specified period, the latter shall be convoked by Sofia City Court.
(5) An invitation to a regular or extraordinary General Assembly shall set out its agenda, the date, hour and venue and information at whose initiative it is called.
(6) The invitation shall be publicised in State Gazette at least one month before the scheduled date.

General Assembly quorum

Art. 30. The General Assembly shall be legitimate where more than half of the authorised representatives of all BDS members are present. In the absence of quorum, the Assembly shall be postponed for an hour at the same location and agenda and it may be conducted irrespective of the number of members appearing.

Resolutions of the General Assembly

Art. 31. (1) The General Assembly shall pass resolutions by ordinary or qualified majority of 2/3 (two-thirds) of the authorised representatives of BDS members present.
(2) Resolutions on amending and supplementing the Statutes, the admission and expulsion of BDS members and on setting the amount of membership contribution shall be passed by qualified majority of 2/3 (two-thirds).
(3) Resolutions on the election of Governing and Control Board members shall be passed by secret ballot.

General Assembly sessions

Art. 32. (1) General Assembly sessions shall be directed by the Chairman of the Governing Board and in his/her absence – by an authorised member of the Governing Board replacing the latter.
(2) Minutes shall be taken during sessions, signed by the Chairman of the Governing Board and a

secretary elected at the session.

VII. Governing Board

Composition of the Governing Board

Art. 33. (1) The governing body of BDS is the Governing Board.

(2) The Governing Board shall be composed of 15 members, including its Chairman.

(3) Each group under Art. 8, para 2 shall have three representatives on the Governing Board. Representatives of the groups under Art. 8, para 2, items 1, 3, 4 and 5 who are members of the Governing Board, shall not be civil servants.

(4) BDS Governing Board members shall be elected from among authorised representatives of BDS members. Individuals shall be elected as Governing Board members who:

1. Have not been members of a management or control body of or general partners in a company in respect to which bankruptcy proceedings have been instituted or which has been dissolved because of bankruptcy where unsatisfied creditors have remained,
2. Are not spouses or the next of kin in a direct or collateral line of descent up to the third degree inclusive or by marriage up to the third degree inclusive of another member of the Governing Board,
3. Have not been convicted for intentional indictable offense.

(5) (New – SG No 2/2016) Proposals for election of board members, accompanied by a CV shall be submitted no later than ten days before the General Assembly session and shall be published on BDS website.

Term of office of the Governing Board

Art. 34. (1) The term of office of the Governing Board shall be 5 years. Governing Board members may be re-elected without restriction.

(2) The term of office of a Governing Board member shall terminate earlier upon:

1. Resignation,
2. Ceasing to meet a requirement under Art. 33, para 4,
3. De facto inability to discharge his/her duties over more than 6 months,
4. Termination of BDS membership – in respect to the member of which the individual is a representative,
5. Failing without valid reason to take part in more than two consecutive sessions of the Governing Board.
6. (New – SG, No 2/2016) upon termination of the representation by the respective BDS member.

(3) Upon earlier termination of the term of office of a Governing Board member, another individual shall be elected in his/her stead as a representative of the same group in the General Assembly for the remaining part of the term of office.

Powers of the Governing Board

Art. 35. The Governing Board shall:

1. Propose amendments to the BDS Statutes to the General Assembly,
2. Adopt rules for national standardization activities at the proposal of the Managing Director,
3. Elect and dismiss the Managing Director and set the amount of his/her remuneration,
4. Organise BDS activities and set the priorities of national standardisation activities,

5. Propose a draft BDS budget and report on its implementation to the General Assembly,
6. Dispose of BDS immovable property,
7. Submit a report on BDS activities to the General Assembly,
8. Elect and dismiss Technical Board members,
9. Adopt rules on funding Technical Committee operations,
10. Adopt a conformity assessment system with the requirements of the Bulgarian standards,
11. Make decisions for BDS participation and termination thereof in other organisations,
12. Approve the standardisation programme,
13. Set the remuneration of the Chairman of the Governing Board,
14. Pass resolutions for admission of members in cases under Art. 12, para 2 and for termination of membership in cases under Art. 15 and 16,
15. Set the discount for sale of standards and for seminars, conferences, training courses, etc. for BDS members upon proposal of the Control Board,
16. Endorse the structure and number of BDS administrative staff at the proposal of the Managing Director,
17. Change, outlining the reasons therefor, the number of Technical Board members.

Governing Board sessions

Art. 36. (1) The Governing Board shall examine and decide on all matters in its competence during sessions that shall be held at least every 3 months.

(2) The Governing Board shall be convoked in session by the Chairman of the Governing Board or at the initiative of one-third of its members.

(3) Sessions shall be held where more than half of the Governing Board members are present.

(4) The Managing Director shall take part in Governing Board sessions with the right to advisory vote.

Governing Board resolutions

Art. 37. (1) The Governing Board shall pass resolutions by open ballot and ordinary or qualified majority of 2/3 of all members.

(2) On certain matters and after a request of more than half the members, the Governing Board shall pass resolutions by secret ballot.

(3) A qualified majority of 2/3 of all members shall apply to resolutions and proposals to the General Assembly for amendments to the Statutes, as well as to resolutions for the adoption of and amendment to the rules for national standardization activities and to resolutions for disposal of BDS immovable property. .

(4) The Governing Board may also pass a resolution without being in session, provided the record of proceedings evidencing the resolution is signed by all Governing Board members.

(5) (New – SG, No 2/2016) The powers of a Board member for passing resolutions at sessions may be transferred to an authorized by him/her individual upon explicit written authorization of the respective Board member voting on the agenda of the relevant session, pursuant also to the requirements of Art. 34, para. 2 pt. 3.

Remuneration of the Governing Board members

Art. 38. Governing Board members shall receive remuneration for their participation in sessions equalling the minimum monthly salary in the country.

Chairman of the Governing Board

Art. 39. (1) The Governing Board shall elect from among its members a Chairman for a term of 5 years.

(2) The Chairman of the Governing Board shall:

1. Represent BDS,
2. Organise the implementation of the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Governing Board,
3. Convene and direct the sessions of the Governing Board and propose their agenda,
4. Conclude a management contract with the Managing Director,
5. Direct the sessions of the General Assembly.

(3) In case of being absent, the Chairman of the Governing Board shall authorise a member thereof who shall replace him/her.

(4) The Chairman of the Governing Board may not carry out paid activity other than as a science researcher or lecturer in university.

VII. Control Board

Composition of the Control Board

Art. 40. (1) The Control Board shall be a control body for BDS financial activities.

(2) The Control Board shall be composed of three members. Control Board members shall not be Governing Board members or from BDS staff.

(3) Two of the Control Board members shall be directly elected by the General Assembly. They shall not be civil servants.

(4) One of the Control Board members shall be a representative of the Ministry of Finance and he/she shall be designated by the Minister of Finance.

(5) Control Board members shall be elected for a term of 5 years.

(6) The Control Board shall elect a Chairman from among its members.

Powers of the Control Board

Art. 41. The Control Board shall:

1. Monitor the implementation of BDS budget,
2. Monitor the compliance with Technical Committee operation funding rules,
3. Monitor the legality of the expenditure and where violations are found it shall notify the Governing Board and the Managing Director,
4. Submit opinions with regard to the BDS budget and the report on its implementation,
5. Propose the amount of BDS membership contribution to the General Assembly,
6. Make proposals to the Governing Board for the amount of discount applying to the sale of standards to BDS members.

Art. 42. Control Board members shall be remunerated for their participation in sessions at the amount of the minimum monthly salary in the country.

Sessions, quorum and decisions of the Control Board

Art. 43. (1) The Control Board shall be in session at least once in three months, on a date it has fixed in advance for regular sessions without need for convocation; extraordinary sessions shall be held on as needed basis, following a decision of the Control Board Chairman. A session shall be lawful where at least two of its members are present.

(2) Decisions shall be made by open ballot and a majority consisting of two of its members.

IX. Managing Director

Art. 44. (1) The Managing Director shall be a body managing BDS current activities in accordance with the Statutes and resolutions of the Governing Board.

(2) The Managing Director shall be elected by the Governing Board at the proposal of its members for a term of 5 years. An individual with management experience and knowledge in the field of national, European, and international standardisation and conformity assessment shall be elected as Managing Director.

Art. 45. The Managing Director shall:

1. Organise and direct BDS current operations in compliance with the resolutions of the Governing Board,
2. Dispose of BDS movable property,
3. Conclude and terminate labour contracts with BDS administrative staff,
4. Prepare an annual report on BDS operations addressed to the Governing Board,
5. Submit a report on budget implementation to the Governing Board upon presentation of a Control Board opinion thereon,
6. Approve national standardisation activities procedures,
7. Adopt national standards,
8. Adopt national standardisation documentation,
9. Propose the structure and number of administrative staff to the Governing Board.

X. Technical Boards

Composition of Technical Boards

Art. 46. Standardisation operations management shall be carried out by:

1. A Technical Board for Non-Electrotechnical Standardisation Operations,
2. A Technical Board for Electrotechnical, Energy, Electronic, IT and Telecommunications Standardisation,
3. A Technical Board for Conformity assessment with Bulgarian Standards.

Art. 47. (Amended, SG No. 77/2007) The Governing Board shall determine the standardization sectors for the Technical Boards for standardization, conformity assessment activities in the Technical Board for conformity assessment and the number of the Technical Boards members. Decisions shall be taken by a qualified majority of 2/3 of the Governing Board's members.

Art. 48. (Repealed, SG No. 77/2007)

Art. 49. (Repealed, SG No. 77/2007)

Art. 50. (1) Technical Boards members shall be elected by the Governing Board from among recognised experts in the field of standardisation and conformity assessment at the proposal of Sectoral Boards, Technical Committees and BDS members.

(2) Each Technical Board shall elect a Chairman from among its members who shall organise and direct its operations.

(3) Technical Boards may set up Sectoral Boards for certain economic sectors.

Powers of Technical Boards

Art. 51. (1) Technical Boards shall:

1. Make a decision to develop, approve and adopt Bulgarian standards or to implement European and international standards as Bulgarian ones,
2. Make a decision to develop, approve and adopt or implement Bulgarian standardisation documents,
3. Set up Working Groups to develop, approve or implement Bulgarian standards or Bulgarian standardisation documents,
4. Make a decision to set up or close down Technical Committees,
5. Rule on disagreement between Technical Committees on technical matters.

(2) Technical Boards under Art. 46, items 1 and 2 shall approve the standardisation programme in the respective field, covering resolutions passed under para 1, items 1 and 2 and shall monitor its implementation.

(3) The Technical Board under Art. 46, item 3 shall develop and maintain a system for conformity assessment with the requirements of Bulgarian standards.

Art. 52. Technical Board operational rules and procedures have correspondingly been regulated in the rules for national standardization activities and in the national standardisation work procedures.

XI. Technical committees

Art. 53. (1) Standardisation Technical Committees shall be operational BDS bodies in charge of certain standardisation fields.

(2) Technical Committees shall be set up and closed down by the Technical Boards.

(3) Participation in Technical Committees shall be voluntary.

(4) (New, SG No. 96/2013) Provides accesses of the micro, small and medium enterprises (SMEs) representatives to the technical committees' work including access to draft standards without the rights and the obligations of the BDS members.

(5) (New, SG No. 96/2013), SMEs shall pay annual fees determined by BDS General Assembly for their participation in the work of the national technical committees.

Technical Committee powers

Art. 54. (1) Technical Committees shall:

1. Develop and approve draft Bulgarian standards and standardisation documents,
2. Propose to the Managing Director the adoption of draft Bulgarian standards and standardisation documents,
3. Participate in the development of European and international standards and standardisation documents in the respective field, as well as their implementation as Bulgarian standards.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 96/2013) The rules and work procedures of Technical Committees and SMEs access to their work have been correspondingly regulated in the Rules for national standardisation activities and the national standardisation work procedures.

XII. Representation

Art. 55. (1) The Bulgarian Institute for Standardisation shall be represented by the Chairman of the

Governing Board.

(2) The Chairman of the Governing Board may delegate powers to the Managing Director in respect to certain matters in the Chairman's competence.

XIII. Patrimony. Composition. Sources

Art. 56. (1) BDS shall form its patrimony from property rights and other rights in rem and from intellectual property rights.

(2) BDS patrimony sources shall be:

1. BDS membership fees,
2. A state budget subsidy,
3. Revenue from its own properties and operations,
4. European, international and other programmes and funds,
5. Donations,
6. Other lawful sources.

(3) BDS shall not receive donations from political parties and movements.

Revenue

Art. 57. BDS budget revenue shall be formed from:

1. A state budget subsidy approved in the Republic of Bulgaria State Budget Act for the respective year,
2. BDS membership fees,
3. Funds granted for the implementation of standards, including standards to which reference is made in technical regulations,
4. The sale of standards and standardisation documents, the provision of services, certification marks for compliance with Bulgarian standards, as well as from training,
5. Participation in European, international and other donor programmes and/or projects with earmarked funding by international funds, institutions and persons,
6. Donations by natural and legal persons.

Expenditure

Art. 58. (1) BDS shall make its expenditure while implementing and within the budget adopted by the General Assembly.

(2) The General Assembly may entrust the Governing Board with passing resolutions for the adjustment of expenditures in the adopted budget. Resolutions shall be subject to endorsement by the General Assembly.

(3) No funds under any form shall be granted to political parties and movements.

Additional provision of material incentives

Art. 59. (1) In case of budget revenue excess, BDS staff shall be paid out additional material incentives.

(2) The amount of additional material incentives for the Managing Director and BDS staff shall be set in a resolution of the Governing Board in coordination with the Control Board.

Monetary funds

Art. 60. (1) In order to achieve its aims and implement its assignments, in case of budget revenue excess, BDS may set aside monetary funds.

(2) Funds under the previous paragraph may be general and for specific purposes, resources under:

1. the general funds amounting to no more than 65% of the positive financial outcome and used to cover past losses, provide for the current maintenance of BDS operations and for the training and qualification of BDS staff, including the provision of material incentives thereto;
2. specific-purpose funds providing funding for standardisation technical committees for assignments where no funding has been ensured.

(3) Resolutions for setting monetary funds aside shall be passed by the Governing Board at the proposal of the Managing Director following submission of an opinion by the Control Board.

These Statutes were adopted by the Founding General Assembly held on 10 April 2006.

Chairman: I. Burov