

LAW ON NATIONAL STANDARDIZATION
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Chapter One

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

(1) This Law shall regulate the conduct of the national standardization activity and the procedure for the establishment, organization and functioning of the Bulgarian Institute of Standardization, hereinafter referred to as "BDS".

(2) This Law shall not apply to standards, developed and approved in companies, agencies and sector organizations.

Article 2

This Law shall define the interaction of the executive authorities and BDS in relation to the notification procedure in the area of standards, for elimination of technical barriers to trade.

Article 3

The activity of national standardization shall include:

1. development of Bulgarian standards at national level and their acceptance, approval, publication, issuance and dissemination;
2. participation in the development and voting of standards at European and local level, their implementation as Bulgarian standards, their publication, issuance and dissemination.

Article 4

(1) Bulgarian standards shall be identified by a letter and numerical designation. The letter designation shall consist of the letters БДЦ or a combination of the letters БДЦ and other letter designations, in the cases of implementation of European or international standards. The numerical designation shall consist of the number of the standard and the year of its approval or implementation.

(2) The designations under paragraph 1 shall not be used for standards, other than Bulgarian standards.

(3) The presence of a certification mark of conformity on the package and/or label of the product, shall give evidence of its conformity to Bulgarian standards.

(4) The presence only of the designations under paragraph 1, without the certification mark under paragraph 3, shall not serve as evidence of conformity of the product to the standard.

Article 5

(1) The application of Bulgarian standards shall be voluntary.

(2) A regulation, which contains technical requirements, may make reference to Bulgarian standards and/or parts of Bulgarian standards only when such regulations implement EU acquis.

(3) The executive authorities that develop regulations containing references to Bulgarian standards and/or parts of Bulgarian standards, developed at national level, shall agree the draft regulations with BDS.

(4) The Bulgarian Institute of Standardization shall conduct the notification of the standards under paragraph 3, in compliance with Article 35 - 38.

(5) A regulation shall make reference to Bulgarian standards, which adopt European or international standards, only when they have been implemented, published and translated into Bulgarian, in compliance with the requirements of Article 57.

Chapter Two

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE BULGARIAN INSTITUTE OF STANDARDIZATION

Article 6

- (1) The Bulgarian Institute of Standardization is the national standardization body for the Republic of Bulgaria.
- (2) The Bulgarian Institute of Standardization shall be a legal entity with its headquarters in Sofia.
- (3) The Bulgarian Institute of Standardization shall not distribute profit.

Article 7

- (1) The Bulgarian Institute of Standardization shall conduct its activities on the basis of the laws, its Statutes and the Rules for national standardization activities.
- (2) The BDS Statutes shall regulate its organization and management, the conditions for entitlement to, and termination of, membership, the rights and obligations of members, as well as other issues, related to the BDS areas of activity.
- (3) BDS Statutes shall be published in the State Gazette.

Article 8

Eligible for membership in BDS shall be persons, desiring to support the activity of national standardization and willing to abide by the BDS Statutes, from the following groups:

1. Employers' associations, branch chambers, manufacturers and traders;
2. Ministries, agencies, commissions and administrative structures of the executive, established by law or by a Decree of the Council of Ministers;
3. Scientific organizations, research institutes and schools of higher education;
4. Conformity assessment bodies, inspection bodies, certification bodies, testing and/or calibration laboratories;
5. Associations of insurers, associations of consumers, professional organizations and trade unions.

Article 9

The bodies of BDS shall comprise:

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

Article 10

- (1) The supreme body of BDS shall be the General Assembly.
- (2) The General Assembly shall:
 1. Adopt, amend and supplement the Statutes;
 2. Admit and expel BDS members and set the amount of the membership fees;
 3. Elect and dismiss the members of the Managing Board and two of the members of the Control Board;
 4. Adopt the BDS budget and the report on its fulfilment;
 5. Accept the BDS activity report;
 6. Take such other decisions as are provided for in the Statutes.

Article 11

- (1) Representatives of all BDS members shall take part in the General Assembly. The procedure for election of representatives shall be regulated in the Statutes.
- (2) Each BDS member shall be entitled to one vote in the General Assembly.

Article 12

- (1) General Assemblies shall be regular and extraordinary. Regular General Assemblies shall be held annually at the BDS headquarters.
- (2) Regular General Assemblies shall be convened by the Managing Board on its own initiative or upon request by one-third of BDS members.
- (3) An extraordinary General Assembly shall be convened by decision of the Managing Board, or upon written request by one-third of BDS members.
- (4) In the cases under paragraph 3 the Managing Board shall convene an extraordinary General Assembly within 14 days of receipt of the request. Should the Managing Board fail to convene an extraordinary General Assembly within this time, it shall be convened by the Sofia City Court.
- (5) Invitations to regular or extraordinary General Assemblies shall include the agenda, date, hour and location of the meeting and shall indicate at whose initiative it has been convened.
- (6) The invitation shall be published in State Gazette at least one month prior to the day chosen.

Article 13

The General Assembly shall be legally convened if more than one-half of BDS members are in attendance. Should this quorum be lacking, the Assembly shall be postponed by one hour, to be held at the same place and with the same agenda and may then be conducted regardless of the number of members attending.

Article 14

The General Assembly shall adopt decisions by simple majority of the members in attendance, unless the Statutes provide otherwise for the resolution of specific issues.

Article 15

- (1) The governing bodies of BDS shall be the Managing Board and the Managing Director.
- (2) The Managing Board shall be composed of 15 members, including a Chairman.
- (3) Each group under Article 8 shall have three representatives on the Managing Board. Representatives of the groups under Article 8, item 1, 3, 4 and 5, who are members of the Managing Board, may not be employees of the State Administration.
- (4) Eligibility for membership of the Managing Board of BDS shall be limited to persons who:
 1. have not been members of a Governing or Control Body or unlimited liability partners in a company, in regard to which bankruptcy proceedings have been instituted or in a company which was dissolved because of bankruptcy, in circumstances where creditors have been left unsatisfied;
 2. are not spouses, or relatives of direct descent, or relatives of a lateral branch to the third degree inclusive, of another member of the Managing Board;
 3. have not been convicted of an intentional crime of any nature.
- (5) The chairman of the Managing Board shall not undertake paid activity other than as a scientific researcher or a lecturer in a university.

Article 16

- (1) The term of office of the Managing Board shall be 5 years. Members of the Managing Board may be re-elected without restriction.
- (2) The term of office of a Managing Board member may be terminated before normal expiration:
 1. in case of submission of resignation;

2. if he/she ceases to comply with a requirement under Article 15, paragraph 4 ;
3. in case of actual inability to fulfil his/her duties for a period in excess of 6 months;
4. if he/she fails to participate, without a valid reason, in more than two consecutive meetings of the Managing Board.

(3) In case of early termination of the term of office of a Managing Board member, another person shall be selected as representative of the same group in the General Assembly, for the remainder of the term of office.

Article 17

The Managing Board shall:

1. propose to the General Assembly amendments to the BDS Statutes;
2. adopt the Rules for national standardization activities, upon proposal from the Managing Director;
3. elect the Managing Director and specify the amount of his/her compensation;
4. organize the conduct of the activities of BDS and determine the priorities of work on national standardization;
5. propose to the General Assembly the draft budgets of BDS and the reports on their fulfilment;
6. dispose of the real properties of BDS in compliance with the requirements of the Statutes;
7. propose to the General Assembly reports on BDS activities;
8. elect and dismiss the members of Technical Boards;
9. adopt rules on financing the activity of Technical Committees;
10. adopt a system for conformity assessment to the requirements of Bulgarian standards;
11. take decisions on the participation and termination of participation of BDS in other organizations;
12. approve the standardization program;
13. determine the compensation of the chairman of the Managing Board;
14. take such other decisions as are provided for in the Statutes.

Article 18

- (1) The Managing Board shall review and resolve all issues falling within its competency, at meetings to be held at least quarterly.
- (2) A meeting of the Managing Board shall be convened by its chairman or upon the initiative of one third of its members.
- (3) The meetings shall be conducted if more than one-half of the Managing Board members are present.
- (4) The Managing Board shall take decisions by simple majority of all members, except as otherwise provided for by the Statutes for the resolution of specific issues.

Article 19

Managing Board members shall receive compensation for their participation in a meeting, equal to the minimum monthly salary for this country.

Article 20

The Managing Director shall attend the meetings of the Managing Board in a non-voting capacity.

Article 21

- (1) The Managing Board shall select from among its members a chairman for a term of 5 years.
- (2) The Managing Board chairman shall:
 1. represent BDS;
 2. organize implementation of the decisions of the General Assembly and the Managing Board;
 3. call and direct the Managing Board meetings and propose their agenda;
 4. execute the management contract with the Managing Director;

5. designate a Management Board member, to direct the Board meetings in his/her absence;
 6. decide on such other issues as are provided for in the Statutes.
- (3) In the event of prolonged absence, the Managing Board Chairman shall authorize a Managing Board member to replace him/her.

Article 22

The Managing Director shall be elected by the Managing Board at the proposal of its members for a term of 5 years.

Article 23

The Managing Director shall:

1. organize, manage and direct the day-to-day activities of BDS in conformity with the decisions of the Managing Board and the Statutes;
2. dispose of the movable property of BDS;
3. execute and terminate employment contracts with BDS employees;
4. draw up annual reports on the BDS activities to the Managing Board;
5. submit reports on the fulfilment of budgets to the Managing Board, after having obtained the agreement of the Control Board;
6. approve the Procedures of work on national standardization;
7. approve the national standards;
8. approve the national standardization documents;
9. decide on such other issues as are provided for in the Statutes.

Article 24

- (1) The Control Board is a body for control of the financial activity of BDS
- (2) The Control Board shall consist of three members. The Control Board members may not be Managing Board members or BDS employees.
- (3) Two of the Control Board members shall be elected directly by the General Assembly. These members shall not be employees of the State Administration.
- (4) One of the Control Board members shall be a representative of the Ministry of Finance and shall be designated by the Minister of Finance.

Article 25

The Control Board shall:

1. monitor the implementation of the BDS budget;
2. monitor compliance with the rules for the financing of the activities of Technical Committees;
3. monitor the legal conformity of the expenses incurred and where non conformities are established, advise the Managing Board and the Managing Director accordingly;
4. issue an opinion on the budget of BDS and the report on its implementation;
5. propose to the General Assembly the amount of membership fee of the BDS members;
6. decide on such other issues as are provided for in the Statutes.

Article 26

Control Board members shall receive compensation for their participation in a meeting, equal to the minimum monthly salary for this country.

Article 27

The procedures governing the convening of meetings, the quorum, the voting and the adoption of decisions by the Control Board shall be regulated by the Statutes.

Article 28

- (1) Management of the activities of standardization shall be conducted by Technical Boards for:
 1. standardisation in the non-electrotechnical area;
 2. standardisation in the electrotechnical, electronics, IT and telecommunications areas;
 3. conformity assessment to the requirements of Bulgarian standards;
- (2) The number of members in each Technical Board shall be determined in the Statutes.
- (3) Members of Technical Boards shall be elected by the Managing Board from among recognized experts in the area of standardization upon proposal from Sector Councils, Technical Committees and BDS members.
- (4) Each Technical Board shall elect a Chairman from its members, who will organize and direct its activities.
- (5) Technical Boards may establish Sector Councils for certain sectors of the economy.

Article 29

- (1) The Technical Board shall:
 1. take decisions on the development, acceptance and approval or implementation of Bulgarian standards;
 2. take decisions on the development, acceptance and approval or implementation of Bulgarian standardization documents;
 3. set up Working Groups for the development and acceptance of draft Bulgarian standards and Bulgarian standardization documents;
 4. take decisions on the the establishment and dissolution of Technical Committees;
 5. rule in regard to disputes on technical issues emerging from Technical Committees.
- (2) Technical Boards under Article 28, paragraph 1. items 1 and 2 shall approve the BDS program of standardization, which includes the decisions taken under paragraph 1, items 1 and 2, and shall monitor its implementation.
- (3) The Technical Board under Article 28, paragraph 1, item 3 shall develop and maintain a system of conformity assessment to the requirements of Bulgarian standards.

Article 30

The rules and procedures of work of the Technical Boards shall be regulated respectively by the Rules for national standardization activities under Article 7, paragraph 1 and in the Procedures of work on national standardization under Article 23, item 6.

Article 31

- (1) Technical Committees on standardization shall be working bodies of the BDS, responsible for designated areas of standardization.
- (2) Technical Committees shall be established and dissolved by Technical Boards.

Article 32

- (1) Technical Committees shall:
 1. elaborate and adopt drafts of Bulgarian standards and standardization documents;
 2. propose to the Managing Director for approval drafts of Bulgarian standards and standardization documents;
 3. participate in the elaboration of European and international standards and standardization documents in their respective areas and their implementation as Bulgarian standards.
- (2) The Rules and procedures of work of the Technical Committees shall be regulated respectively in the Rules for national standardization activities under Article 7, paragraph 1 and in the Procedures of work for national standardization under Article 23, item 6.

Chapter Three

ORGANISATION OF NATIONAL STANDARDIZATION ACTIVITIES

Section One

Purposes of the Bulgarian Institute of Standardization

Article 33

The Bulgarian Institute of Standardization shall:

1. develop, approve and amend the rules and procedures of work on national standardization;
2. prepare methodological instructions for the elaboration of standards, approved within agencies, branches and companies;
3. prepare, approve and publish the standardization program;
4. develop, accept and approve or implement Bulgarian standards and Bulgarian standardization documents;
5. disseminate Bulgarian standards, drafts of Bulgarian standards and Bulgarian standardization documents;
6. distribute drafts of European standards, international standards, foreign national standards and drafts of foreign national standards;
7. compile and maintain a database of standards and standardization documents;
8. compile and maintain a stock of national, international, European and foreign national standards and a specialised library;
9. undertake the exchange of standards;
10. introduce a system for assessment of conformity to the requirements of Bulgarian standards;
11. organize training courses, seminars, conferences, and other events for broadening the circle of participants in national standardization activities;
12. publish an official bulletin and a catalogue of Bulgarian standards;
13. publish an annual report of its activity.

Article 34

The Bulgarian Institute of Standardization represents the Republic of Bulgaria in the International Standardization Organization (ISO), the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) and the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC).

Article 35

The Bulgarian Institute of Standardization shall prepare the notifications, referenced in Appendix No.3 to the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade and submit them to the ISO/IEC Information Centre in Geneva, Switzerland.

Article 36

The Bulgarian Institute of Standardization, via its Information Center, shall respond to inquiries from interested parties from states party to the World Trade Organization, as well as provide information regarding standards, which have been adopted or proposed for adoption.

Article 37 (Effective from the date of accession of the Republic of Bulgaria to the European Union)

(1) The Bulgarian Institute of Standardization shall notify the Commission of the European Union, the European standardization organizations and the national standardization bodies of the European Union Member States, and make available upon request, that part of its standardization program which relates to

the adoption or change of national standards, or of international standards, which are not implemented in an identical manner.

(2) The Bulgarian Institute of Standardization shall make available to the Commission of the European Union, the European standardization organizations and the national standardization bodies of the European Union Member States, upon request, the drafts of the standards under paragraph 1 and shall ensure an opportunity for providing opinions and comments.

Article 38 (Effective from the date of accession of the Republic of Bulgaria to the European Union)

The Bulgarian Institute of Standardization, in conformity with the rules and procedures of work on national standardisation, shall comply with the requirements, shown in the rules of work of European organizations for standardization, for termination of work on national standards, which could have an impact on harmonization at a European level.

Section Two

ELABORATION, ADOPTION AND APPROVAL OF BULGARIAN STANDARDS

Article 39

Any natural and/or legal person may submit a proposal, with justification, to BDS for the elaboration and approval of a Bulgarian standard.

Article 40

The proposal under Article 39 shall be justified in terms of:

1. the goals to be attained by the proposed standard;
2. economic factors;
3. provision of financing and expertise;
4. possible application of the standard for the purposes of conformity assessment;
5. relation to other standards.

Article 41

(1) The Managing Director of BDS shall forward the proposal to the appropriate Technical Board for review under Article 39.

(2) Following its decision to elaborate a Bulgarian standard, the Technical Board shall assign its actual elaboration to the appropriate Technical Committee.

(3) If a standard approved for elaboration falls within an area of standardization where no Technical Committee has been established, the Technical Board shall designate a Working Group of experts to develop and approve by consensus the draft of the Bulgarian standard.

Article 42

(1) The Technical Committees shall adopt the draft Bulgarian standards after consensus has been achieved and shall submit them to the Managing Director for approval as Bulgarian Standards.

(2) Consensus shall be achieved when there is an absence of sustained objections on substantive issues by any interested party after taking into consideration the views of all parties and all diverging viewpoints.

Article 43

The draft Bulgarian standards, elaborated and adopted, shall be submitted for approval by the Managing Director.

Article 44

Bulgarian standards shall enter into force after publication of the designations under Article 4, paragraph 1 and their titles in the BDS official bulletin.

Article 45

The procedure for development, adoption and approval of Bulgarian standards shall be regulated by the Rules for national standardization activities and the Procedures of work for national standardization activities.

Section Three

IMPLEMENTATION OF EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AS BULGARIAN STANDARDS

Article 46

European and international standards shall be implemented in the Republic of Bulgaria solely as Bulgarian standards.

Article 47

- (1) European standards shall be implemented in an identical way, as the Bulgarian standards:
 1. by adoption, approval and issuance of an identical text of the standard in Bulgarian language or in the official languages of the European standardization organizations; or
 2. by endorsement as Bulgarian standards.
- (2) Confirmation of endorsement as Bulgarian standards shall be done by issuance of a national endorsement sheet or by announcement in the BDS official bulletin.
- (3) By the implementation of European standards, any conflicting Bulgarian standards, approved at national level, shall be withdrawn.

Article 48

International standards shall be implemented at the initiative of Technical Committees on standardization, upon proposal by natural and/or legal persons.

Article 49

The procedure for implementation of European and international standards as Bulgarian standards shall be regulated in the Rules for national standardization activities and the Procedures of work for national standardization.

Section Four

DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OR IMPLEMENTATION OF BULGARIAN STANDARDIZATION DOCUMENTS

Article 50

- (1) Bulgarian standardization documents shall be standardization documents which have been developed and approved or implemented by BDS.
- (2) Bulgarian standardization documents shall be identified by a letter and numerical designation. The letter designation shall consist of the letters CД (SD – Standardization Document – in Bulgarian) or a combination of the letters CД and other letter designations, in the cases of adoption of European or international standardization documents. The numerical designation shall consist of the number of the standardization documents and the year of their approval or adoption.
- (3) The designations under paragraph 2 shall not be used for standardization documents, other than Bulgarian.
- (4) Bulgarian standardization documents shall not be developed and approved or adopted under the procedure of Sections Two and Three, without adhering to the principle of general agreement under Article 42, paragraph 2.

Section Five

AMENDMENT AND REPEAL OF BULGARIAN STANDARDS AND BULGARIAN STANDARDIZATION DOCUMENTS

Article 51

(1) The Bulgarian Institute of Standardization shall conduct periodic reviews on the current state of Bulgarian standards.

(2) Amendment, re-writing or repeal of a Bulgarian standard or a Bulgarian standardization document shall take place in conformity with the Rules for national standardization activities.

Section Six

COPYRIGHT AND DISTRIBUTION RIGHTS

Article 52

The Bulgarian Institute of Standardization shall be the holder of the copyright in Bulgarian standards and Bulgarian standardization documents.

Article 53

The Bulgarian Institute of Standardization shall have the exclusive right to publish, reproduce, distribute and sell Bulgarian standards and Bulgarian standardization documents.

Article 54

Protection of the copyright of BDS in Bulgarian standards and Bulgarian standardization documents shall be in accordance with the procedures of the Copyright and Neighbouring Rights Law.

Chapter Four

PROPERTY AND FINANCING

Article 55

Revenue for the BDS budget shall be derived from:

1. subsidy from the national budget, approved by the National Budget of the Republic of Bulgaria Law for the respective year;
2. membership fees, paid by BDS members;
3. funds, allocated for the adoption of standards, including standards to which, reference is made in regulatory Laws containing technical requirements;
4. from the sale of standards and standardization documents, from rendering services, from provision of marks of certification of conformity with Bulgarian standards and from training;
5. participation in European, international and other donor programs;
6. donations from natural and legal persons.

Article 56

The subsidy from the state budget, under Article 55 item 1, shall be expended on:

1. Activities for administrative and technical service to Technical Committees on standardization, for implementation of the procedure of notification of standards, for compiling and maintaining databases on standards and standardization documents, for compiling and maintaining a stock of national, international, European and foreign national standards and a specialised library; for conducting exchanges of standards

and for setting up a system for the evaluation of conformity to requirements of Bulgarian standards.

2. payment of membership fees to European and international organizations on standardization (CEN, CENELEC, ISO and IEC), in which the BDS represents the Republic of Bulgaria;

3. support for the performance of all BDS activities related to its obligations as a full member of European (CEN and CENELEC) and international (ISO and IEC) organizations on standardization.

Article 57

Adoption of European and international standards, to which regulatory Laws, containing technical requirements, refer, shall be financed by the executive authorities in charge of the development and implementation of these regulatory Laws.

ADDITIONAL PROVISION

§ 1. Within the meaning of this Law:

1. "Standard" shall denote a document, drawn up by consensus and agreement, the end being universal and repeated application, rules, basic guidelines or features of actions to be performed or the results therefrom, in order to achieve optimum order in a particular combination of circumstances.

2. "Bulgarian standard" shall denote a standard, developed, accepted and approved by BDS and shall be generally accessible.

3. "National standardization body" shall denote a standardization body, recognized at national level, designated to be a member of the international and European organizations on standardization.

4. "Foreign national standard" shall denote any national standard, approved by a foreign national organisation on standardization, which is generally accessible.

5. "European standard" shall denote any standard, approved by an European organisation on standardization (CEN, CENELEC, ETSI), which is generally accessible;

6. "International standard" shall denote a standard adopted by an international organisation on standardization (ISO, IEC, ITU), which is generally accessible.

7. "Standardization documents" shall denote documents, adopted by European and international organizations on standardization, such as Technical Specifications, Technical Reports, Manuals and Workshop Agreements, which are generally accessible.

8. "Area of standardization" shall denote an aggregate of mutually related products, processes or services which may be standardized.

9. "Identical adoption" shall denote adoption of European or international standards, in which the form and content of the standard being adopted must be complied with.

10. "Procedure of work on national standardization" shall denote a specified way of performing the activity of national standardization in conformity with the Rules for national standardization activities.

11. "System for evaluation of the conformity to the requirements of Bulgarian standards" shall denote a system, having its own rules of work and management for the voluntary evaluation of the conformity of products to the requirements of Bulgarian standards.

12. "Certificate mark of conformity to Bulgarian standards" shall denote a certification mark within the meaning of the Marks and Geographical Indications Law attesting the conformity of products to the requirements of Bulgarian standards.

13. "Agreement on the Technical Barriers to Trade" shall represent an Appendix to the Marrakesh Agreement on the Establishment of the World Trade Organization, to which the Republic of Bulgaria is a party, in accordance to the Protocol of Accession of the Republic of Bulgaria to the Marrakesh Agreement on the Establishment of the World Trade Organization, ratified by Law (SG, No. 93 of 1996) and in effect in regard to the Republic of Bulgaria.

TRANSITIONAL AND CONCLUDING PROVISIONS

§ 2. This Law shall supersede the National Standardization Law (publ., SG, No. 55/1999; amended, No. 108 and 112 of 2001, No. 13 of 2002).

§ 3. Standards, which were approved or adopted under the procedure of applicable legislation prior to entry into force of this Law, shall retain their validity.

§ 4. Technical Committees on standardization, which were registered on the date of entry into force of this Law, shall retain their status.

§ 5. (Effective 04.11.2005) (1) The original General Assembly for the establishment of BDS shall take place not later than the date of entry into force of this Law.

(2) The Chairman of the Bulgarian Institute of Standardization, existing at the date of publication of this Law in State Gazette, shall announce the convening of the first General Assembly, by publishing in at least one national daily newspaper an invitation to attend to interested parties under Article 8 at least 30 days before the date of its meeting.

(3) The invitation shall state the place, date and hour of meeting of the General Assembly and the qualification requirements for interested parties.

(4) The first General Assembly shall have the following agenda:

1. adoption of BDS Statutes;
2. election of managing bodies.

(5) The General Assembly may decide to include other items on the agenda.

§ 6. (1) The Bulgarian Institute of Standardization, created pursuant to the repealed National Standardization Law, shall be dissolved.

(2) (Effective 04.11.2005) The Council of Ministers, pending entry into force of this Law and upon proposal by the Minister of Economy and Energy, shall designate a commission for conducting the required activities for liquidation of the Bulgarian Institute of Standardization within two months of entry into force of this Law.

(3) (Effective 04.11.2005) The liquidation expenses shall be covered from the budget of the Ministry of Economy and Energy, including that of BDS, for the respective year.

(4) Employment and service legal relationships with the employees of the dissolved Bulgarian Institute of Standardization shall be settled under the terms of Article 328, paragraph 1, item 1 of the Labour Code, respectively Article 106, paragraph 1, item 1 of the Civil Servants Law.

(5) The archive, including payrolls, of the dissolved Bulgarian Institute of Standardization, shall be handed over to BDS.

(6) The Minister of Finance, upon proposal of the Minister of Economy and Energy, shall conduct the legally required adjustment of the 2005 budget of the Ministry of Economy and Energy, on the legal grounds of 34, paragraph 3 of the Structure of the National Budget Law.

§ 7. (Effective 04.11.2005) (1) The stock of Bulgarian standards and movable objects of the Bulgarian Institute of Standardization shall be transferred to BDS, established under this Law.

(2) The Bulgarian Institute of Standardization, established under this Law, shall be the legal successor of rights over intellectual property objects, property of the Bulgarian Institute of Standardization.

(3) The Bulgarian Institute of Standardization, established under this Law, shall be the legal successor to membership rights of the Bulgarian Institute of Standardization in European (CEN and CENELEC) and international (ISO and IEC) bodies for standardization.

§ 8. (Effective 04.11.2005) Pending entry into force of this Law, the Council of Ministers shall take measures for making available a building to BDS, established under this Law

§ 9. Article 37 and 38 shall enter into force as of the date of accession of the Republic of Bulgaria to the European Union.

§ 10. This Law shall enter into force six months after its publication in the State Gazette, except for § 5, § 6, paragraphs 2 and 3, § 7 and § 8, which shall enter into force as of the date of its publication.

This Law was adopted by the 40-th National Assembly on 20 October 2005 and the official stamp of the National Assembly has been affixed to it.