

Drafting and approval of standards

All interested parties may participate in standardization. The responsibility of drafting national Finnish standards (SFS standards) lies mainly on the standards writing bodies of SFS. Standards are also drafted by SFS. Formal approval by SFS is required for all national SFS standards, the number of which is currently over 20 000. The majority of SFS standards are European or international standards by origin. All European EN standards are given the status of a national SFS standard.

Publication of standards

- The translation of standards into Finnish depends on the needs of the users. Published standards are available both as traditional printed versions and electronic pdf-files.
- The language of publication is usually either English or both English and Finnish.
- SFS standards are also published in handbooks, which are collections of standards relevant to a particular field.



Customer service

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Magazine published by SFS

SFS publishes a magazine "SFS-tiedotus" in Finnish that provides current information on standardization and environmental labelling. The magazine comes out five times a year.

Environmental labels influence purchase decisions

Environmental labels promote the use and adoption of products, services, manufacture methods and consumption habits that are kinder to the environment. The Ecolabelling department of SFS takes part in developing criteria for **the Nordic Ecolabel** (the Swan Label) and **the European Ecolabel**. The department is also in charge of processing licence applications for both environmental labels, supervision of their use and public relations.



Finnish Standards Association SFS

Standardization is beneficial in many aspects. In society, the use of standards promotes national prosperity. In commercial and industrial life, standardization facilitates trade in both domestic and international markets. As individuals, we all benefit from standards that improve our health and safety and help protect the environment.

A central organization consisting of trade associations and the state of Finland, among others, Finnish Standards Association SFS serves as the National Standards Body (NSB) in Finland. Apart from standardization, SFS coordinates the use of the Nordic and the European environmental labels in Finland.



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