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Canadian Position on the Health and Safety Statement Contained in JTC 1 Directives Edition 5, Version 3

Canada notes that the Statement on Health and Safety has been removed from the draft of the JTC 1 Supplement.

Canada notes that, the principle under which the JTC 1 Supplement and Standing Documents are being prepared is that "no substantive changes shall be made to the directives without the agreement of ISO/IEC JTC 1 as a whole".

Canada further notes that, SWG-Directives has proposed that the Statement on Health and Safety be forwarded to the Joint Directives Maintenance Team with a request that it be included in the ISO/IEC Directives.

Canada supports this action.

However, there is no guarantee that the Joint Directives Maintenance Team, or ISO and IEC, will approve the inclusion of the statement. Thus, it is Canada's position that the Health and Safety Statement must be retained in the JTC 1 Supplement until such time as it is added to the ISO/IEC Directives.