

LAW ON NATIONAL STANDARDIZATION

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Chapter One

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Art. 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 for Standardization, hereinafter referred to as “BDS”.

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

Art. 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.

Art. 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 international level, their implementation as Bulgarian standards, their publication, issuance and dissemination.

Art. 4. (1) Bulgarian standards shall be identified by a letter and numerical designation. The letter designation shall consist of the letters БДC or a combination of the letters БДC and 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 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.

Art. 5. (1) The application of Bulgarian standards shall be voluntary.

(2) A regulation, which contains technical requirements, may make references 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 for 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, translated into

Bulgarian, in compliance with the requirements of Article 57.

Chapter Two

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE BULGARIAN INSTITUTE OF STANDARDIZATION

Art. 6. (1) The Bulgarian Institute for Standardization is the national standardization body for the Republic of Bulgaria.

(2) The Bulgarian Institute for Standardization shall be a legal entity headquartered in Sofia.

(3) The Bulgarian Institute for Standardization shall not distribute profit.

Art. 7. (1) The Bulgarian Institute for 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.

Art. 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, producers 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, and testing and/or calibration laboratories;
5. Associations of insurers, associations of consumers, professional organizations and trade unions.

Art. 9. The bodies of BDS shall comprise:

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

Art. 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 Governing 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.

Art. 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.

Art. 12. (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.

Art. 13. 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.

Art. 14. The General Assembly shall adopt decisions by simple majority of the members in attendance, unless the Statutes provide for otherwise for the resolution of specific issues.

Art. 15. (1) The governing bodies of BDS shall be the Governing Board and the Managing Director.

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

(3) Each group under Article 8 shall have three representatives on the Governing Board. Representatives of the groups under Article 8, item 1, 3, 4 and 5, who are members of the Governing Board, shall not be employees of the State Administration.

(4) Eligibility for membership of the Governing 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. (supplemented, No. 42/2009) Are not spouses or are not in actual cohabitation, or relatives lateral branch to the third degree inclusive, or by affinity to the third degree of another member the Governing Board;

3. Have not been convicted of an intentional crime of any nature.

(5) The chairman of the Governing Board shall not undertake paid activity other than as a scientific researcher or a lecturer in a university.

Art. 16. (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 may be terminated earlier upon:

1. In case of submission of resignation;
2. If he/she cease 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 Governing Board.
5. (New, SG No. 42/2009, amended, SG No. 97/2010, effective 10.12.2010; amended, SG No 7/2018, Supplemented, SG No. 94/2020) On entry into force of an act which establishes conflict of interest under the Anti-Corruption and Illegally Acquired Property Act

(3) In case of early termination of the term of office of a Governing 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.

Art. 17. The Governing 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 activity 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 participation and termination of participation of BDS in other organizations;
12. Approve the standardization programme;
13. Determine the compensation of the chairman of the Governing Board;
14. Take such other decisions as are provided for in the Statutes.

Art. 18. (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) A meeting of the Governing 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 Governing Board members are present.

(4) The Governing Board shall take decisions by simple majority of all members, except as otherwise provided for by the Statutes for the resolution of specific issues.

Art. 19. (Supplemented, SG No. 82/2012) Governing Board members shall receive compensation for their participation in a meeting, equal to the minimum monthly salary for this country, unless otherwise provided for by a law.

Art. 20. The Managing Director shall attend the meetings of the Governing Board in a non-voting capacity.

Art. 21. (1) The Governing Board shall select from among its members a chairman for a term of 5 years.

(2) The Governing Board chairman shall:

1. Represent BDS;
2. Organize implementation of the decisions of the General Assembly and the Governing Board;
3. Call and direct the Governing Board meetings and propose their agenda;
4. Execute the management contract with the Managing Director;
5. Designate a Governing 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 Governing Board Chairman shall authorize a Governing Board member to replace him/her.

Art. 22. The Managing Director shall be elected by the Governing Board at the proposal of its members for a term of 5 years.

Art. 23. The Managing Director shall:

1. Organize, manage and direct the day-to-day activities of BDS in conformity with the decisions of the Governing 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 Governing Board;
5. Submit reports on the fulfilment of budgets to the Governing 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.

Art. 24. (1) The Control Board is a body for control of the financial activity of BDS

(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 elected directly by the General Assembly. These members shall not be employees of the State Administration.

(4) (amended, SG 103/2018, effective from 01.01.2019) One of the Control Board members shall be a representative of the Ministry of Economics and shall be designated by the Minister of Economics.

Art. 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 Governing 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.

Art. 26. (Supplemented - SG No. 82/2012) Control Board members shall receive compensation for their participation in a meeting, equal to the minimum monthly salary for this country, unless otherwise provided for by a law.

Art. 27. The procedures convening of meetings, the quorum, the voting and the adoption of decisions by the Control Board shall be regulated by the Statutes.

Art. 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 Governing 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.

Art. 29. (1) Technical Boards 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 establishment and dissolution of Technical Committees;
5. Rule on disagreement between Technical Committees on technical matters.

(2) Technical Boards under Article 28, paragraph 1, items 1 and 2 shall approve the BDS programme 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.

Art. 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.

Art. 31. (1) Technical Committees on standardization shall be working bodies of the BDS, responsible for designed areas of standardization.

(2) Technical Committees shall be established and dissolved by Technical Boards.

Art. 32. (1) Technical Committees shall:

1. Develop and approve draft Bulgarian standards and standardization documents;
2. Propose to the Managing Director the adoption of drafts of Bulgarian standards and standardization 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) The rules and work procedures of the Technical Committees work have been correspondingly regulated in the Rules for national standardization activities under Article 7, paragraph 1 and in the national standardisation work procedures under Article 23, item 6.

Chapter Three

ORGANISATION OF NATIONAL STANDARDIZATION ACTIVITIES

Section One

Purposes of the Bulgarian Institute for Standardization

Art. 33. The Bulgarian Institute for Standardization shall:

1. Develop, approve and amend the rules and procedures for national standardisation activities,
2. Prepare methodological instructions for the elaboration of standards, approved within agencies, branches and companies;
3. Prepare, approve and publish the standardization programme;
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.

Art. 34. The Bulgarian Institute for 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).

Art. 35. The Bulgarian Institute for 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.

Art. 36. The Bulgarian Institute for Standardization, via its Information Centre, shall respond to inquiries from interested parties from states parties to the World Trade Organization, as well as provide information regarding standards, which have been adopted or proposed for adoption.

Art. 37. (Effective 1.01.2007) (1) The Bulgarian Institute for 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 programme, 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 for 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.

Art. 38. (Effective 1.01.2007)

The Bulgarian Institute for 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

Development, adoption and approval of Bulgarian standards

Art. 39. Any natural and/or legal person may submit a proposal, with justification, to BDS for the elaboration and approval of a Bulgarian standard.

Art. 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.

Art. 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.

Art. 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 absence of sustained objections on substantive issues by any interested party after taking into consideration the views of all parties and all diverging viewpoints.

Art. 43. The draft Bulgarian standards, elaborated and adopted, shall be submitted for approval by the Managing Director.

Art. 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.

Art. 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

Art. 46. European and international standards shall be implemented in the Republic of Bulgaria solely as Bulgarian standards.

Art. 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.

Art. 48. International standards shall be implemented at the initiative of Technical Committees on standardization, upon proposal by natural and/or legal persons.

Art. 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

Art. 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 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 standardization documents

Art. 51. (1) The Bulgarian Institute for 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

Art. 52. The Bulgarian Institute for Standardization shall be the holder of the copyright in Bulgarian standards and Bulgarian standardization documents.

Art. 53. The Bulgarian Institute for Standardization shall have the exclusive right to publish, reproduce, distribute and sell Bulgarian standards and Bulgarian standardization documents.

Art. 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

Art. 55. Revenue for the BDS budget shall be derived 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,
7. (New, SG No. 14/2021, effective 17.02.2021) Transfers from other budgets for other activities assigned by law.

Art. 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 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.

Art. 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 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 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 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 for 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 for 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 for 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 for 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 for 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 for Standardization shall be transferred to BDS, established under this Law.

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

(3) The Bulgarian Institute for Standardization, established under this Law, shall be the legal successor to membership rights of the Bulgarian Institute for 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.

Final provisions at Final Act to amend the ADMINISTRATION ACT (SG No. 82/2012

§ 16. Ministers and Ministers bring adopted respectively of their own regulations in accordance with this Act within one month of its entry into force.

Transitional and final provisions to STATE BUDGET LOW OF REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA FOR 2019 (SG 103/2018, into force 01.01.2019)

§ 21. The Low enters into force 01.01.2019, excluding § 9, p. 1, § 16 and 17 which enter into force in the day of publication in SG, and § 18 which enter into force 20.05.2019.