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## How an Industry Best Practice Becomes a TAPPI Standard



### A TAPPI Member proposes a new Standard

This person serves as the Working Group Chair (WGC) and sends the preliminary draft to the Standards Department.



### Announcements

The Standards Department broadcasts the intent to develop the Standard in the *TAPPI STAR* newsletter allowing for any subject matter experts (SME) to participate.



### Formation of SSIG

There is a minimum of 10 industry professionals in a Standard Specific Interest Group (SSIG). The SSIG reviews the Test Method, and in return, members expand both their industry knowledge and network.



### Publication/Distribution

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### Standard Approval

After final approval, it goes before TAPPI's Standard Advisory Review Group, and then to TAPPI's Quality and Standards Management Committee for a vote to submit the Standard to ANSI as an American National Standard.



### Ballot of the Draft

The first draft is sent to the SSIG with 45 days to respond and vote. Additional ballots may be required to achieve consensus.



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