



● BSI, standards, Brexit and related issues

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● About BSI



BSI: National Standards Body

- Independent, but in the national interest (MoU)
- Stakeholder-led: it all comes from consensus and consultation
- Potential to deliver or support government policy (but in accordance with BSI's rules and principles)
- Legitimacy and reputation
- Decisions and business development are always in this context
- Limited government funding for specific purposes

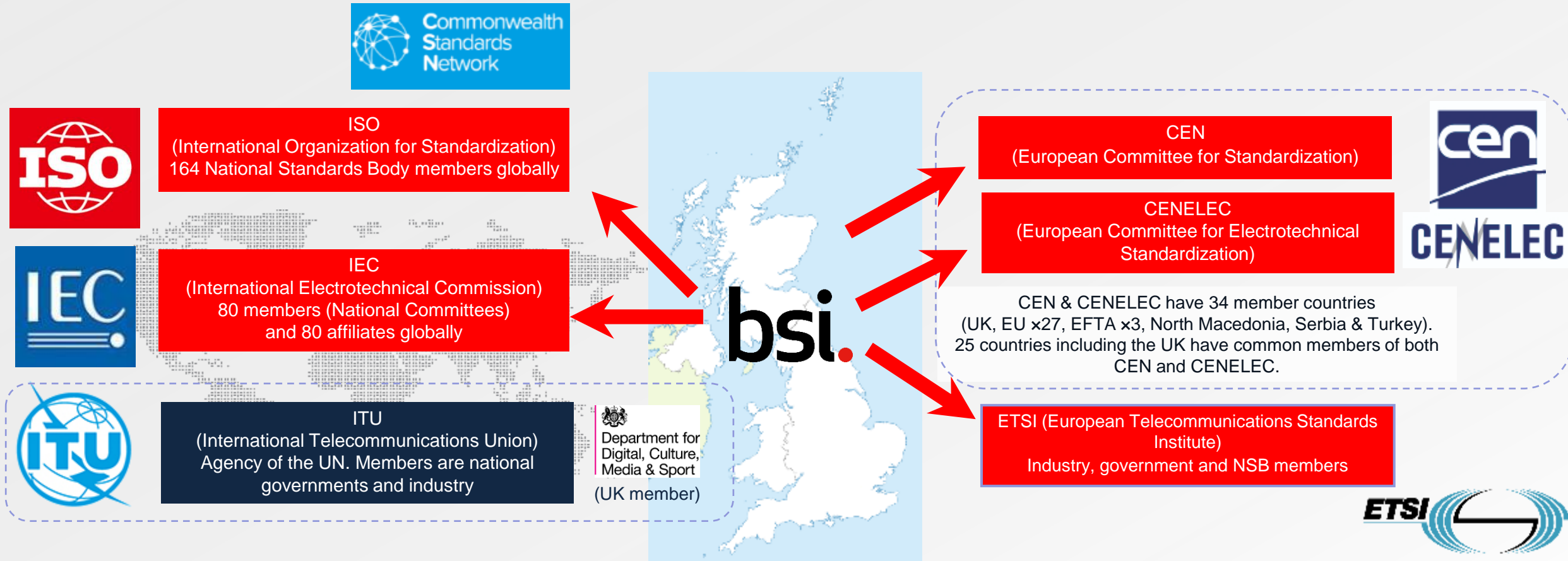


What is a standard?

- Stakeholder-led solution to respond to defined needs
- Legitimacy based on consensus and consultation: BSI does not “decide” or “set” but coordinates UK-wide expert and stakeholder views
- **Agreed way of doing something or what “good” looks like**
- Standards can cover anything
- Voluntary, but can underpin regulation and give confidence to markets and to governments
- Support and facilitate international trade: avoid barriers
- Fair competition, consumer aspects, innovation, risk management



International influence



BFPA participation

45 members across 13 committees

Mostly in subcommittees and panels of MCE/18
Fluid power systems and components

Also:

- MCE/11 Fluid seals and their housings
- GEL/65/2 Measurement and control devices
- PTI/2/-/4 Marine fuels

Check

<https://standardsdevelopment.bsigroup.com>





● Designated standards, regulations and divergence

Designating standards

Government responsibility:

- Users should consult the listing on gov.uk – standards listed by sector/regulation
- Standards being considered for designation are also listed
- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/designated-standards>

The screenshot shows the GOV.UK website page for 'Designated standards'. The page is part of the 'Brexit: business guidance' section. It features a navigation bar with 'GOV.UK', 'Topics', and 'Government activity'. The main heading is 'Designated standards' under the 'Guidance' category. The text explains that these are lists of standards for businesses to show compliance. It includes metadata: 'From: Office for Product Safety and Standards and Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy', 'Published 3 December 2020', and 'Last updated 6 January 2021'. There are two columns of links: 'Contents' and 'Related content'. The 'Contents' column lists various sectors like Chemicals, Construction, and Healthcare. The 'Related content' column lists specific standard categories like 'low voltage' and 'radio equipment'.

GOV.UK

Topics Government activity

→ Coronavirus (COVID-19) | Guidance and support

Home > Brexit

Part of
[Brexit: business guidance](#)

Guidance
Designated standards

Lists of standards that businesses can use to show their products, services or processes comply with essential requirements of legislation.

From: [Office for Product Safety and Standards](#) and [Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy](#)
Published 3 December 2020
Last updated 6 January 2021 — [See all updates](#)

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Related content

- [Designated standards: low voltage](#)
- [Designated standards: radio equipment](#)
- [Designated standards: EMC](#)
- [Designated standards: machinery](#)
- [Toys \(Safety\) Regulations 2011](#)

Detailed guidance

[Designated standards: new or amended notices of publication](#)

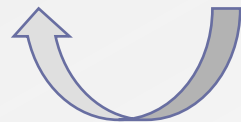
Who is responsible for what?



- Develop policy and regulations
- Consider delivery through standards

- Support and maintain committees and standards work
- Receive and respond to standards request from government
- Understand additional UK needs

- Assess standard for presumption of conformity to regulations (essential requirements, safety etc.)
- Make decision on designation



Where are we now?

- Designated standards: identical standards for (largely) identical regulations in UK (GB) and EU+NI
- Less than 20% of the total of all European standards
- Presumption of conformity the key concept for placing products “on the market”: trade
- BSI’s position as NSB for all of UK: GB and NI

Considering divergence:

- Standards represent huge set of evidence of UK business preference
- Divergence for its own sake?

What does divergence look like in reality?

- Divergence in application: differing “restrictions”, but no difference in regulation or standard
- Divergence through changed regulations on either side
- New regulation on UK or EU/NI side, not mirrored on the other

Areas of BSI activity:

- Policy watch to maintain a view of developments (UK, EU and global), including regulatory, but also global trade context (WTO rules), UK–EU TCA and position of Northern Ireland
- Engagement across HMG on new regs/ideas
- Persistent queries on CE, UKCA etc.
- Maintain CEN and CENELEC membership

BSI's NSB role:

- To continue to meet the needs of UK stakeholders, including businesses, consumers and government
- Representation of UK voice in standards-making at all levels: integrity of catalogue
- Consider process/information improvements:

The screenshot shows the BSOL Standards Online interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'My Account', 'Browse for Standards', 'My Email Alerts', 'My Favourites', and 'Help and FAQs'. A search bar contains 'E.g. BS 123 or valves'. A notification box on the left indicates 'Subscription status' with a green checkmark and 'IN YOUR SUBSCRIPTION'. Below this are options for 'Preview', 'Quick view', and 'Download PDF' (file size: 1.17 Mb). A 'Bibliographic Data' section for 'BS EN 71-14:2018' is highlighted with a red box. A red circle highlights the 'Status' and 'Conformity to regulation' fields in the table below. A red arrow points from the top right of the notification box to the 'Conformity to regulation' field.

Field	Value
Status	Current
Conformity to regulation	Designated
Replaced by	-
Replaces	BS EN 71-14:2014+A1:2017

- Introduction of flags in British Standards Online
- Further developments to come

● UKCA and CE marking

Strictly beyond the remit of BSI as NSB. BUT:

- Technically identical requirements in regs, delivered where appropriate through identical standards where UK stakeholder voices have been represented
- Lack of *political* agreement has increased some costs for business: two tests, certificates or certificates, but not two production lines owing to *technical* agreements, i.e. the standards
- Unilateral acceptance of CE in UK has kept supply open, but – arguably – has not served UK export interests or UK test market

Quality infrastructure interest:

- Non-acceptance of accreditation between UK and EU (affecting UKAS)
- Non-recognition between Notified Bodies and UK Approved Bodies

Recent political interest, e.g. IEA:

- BUT acceptance of other marks in UK is not legally straightforward

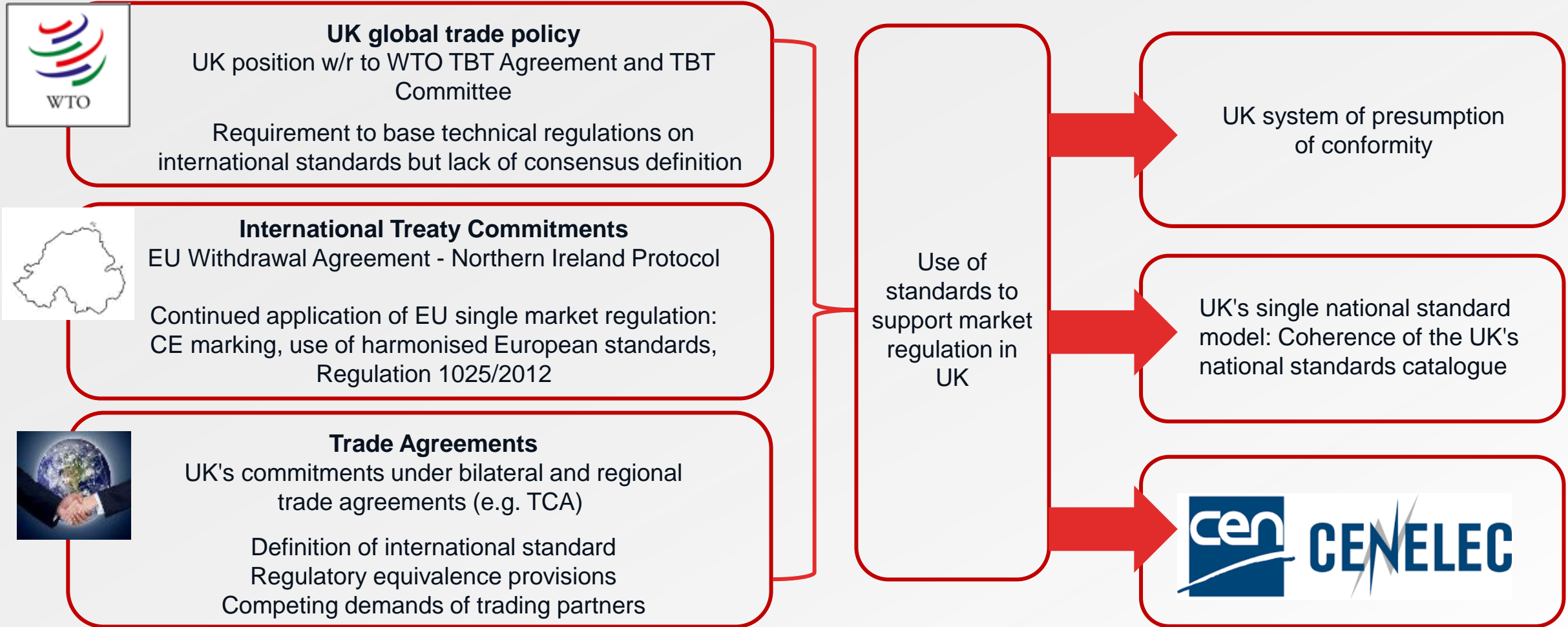


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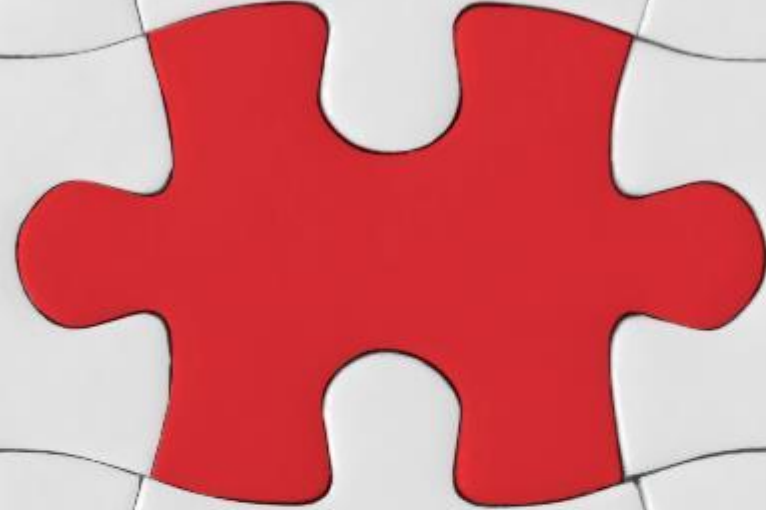


UK trade policy and standards

How UK trade policy impacts the use of standards to support regulation in UK?



● Conclusions



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- To continue to meet the needs of UK stakeholders, including businesses, consumers and government
- Representation of UK voice in standards-making at all levels: integrity of catalogue
- The importance of policy watch and maintaining a view of developments (UK, EU and global)

BSI stakeholders and BFPA:

- Stakeholder voices are vital to standards-making
- How can we improve feedback from standards users?
- Thank YOU for your interest!

● Thank you

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