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## Amendment to the Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 European standardisation

BusinessEurope welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed amendment to the Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 European Standardisation.

Standardisation is a key priority for our members and its governance is a strategic question. Therefore, we reiterate the importance to involve and properly consult stakeholders on these important issues. While **we remain convinced that the Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 is fit for purpose**, based on our members' experience, and in a spirit of cooperation, we provide the following feedback.

**The European Standardisation System broadly provides for a well-balanced system to serve European interests**, notably through the well-established national delegation principle. Therefore, BusinessEurope welcomes the ambition to promote good governance principles through further involvement of NSBs in the decision-making processes for the development of Harmonised European standards.

Nevertheless, **we underline the necessity to distinguish the governance from the process of development of standards which should unconditionally remain market-driven and inclusive with industry and other stakeholders in the driving seat**. The success of standards and their global market uptake rely on their technical quality and the significant legitimacy that results from the wide contribution of stakeholders to the standards-making processes. Therefore, the proposed organisational model should not undermine the inclusiveness of the European Standardisation System and the high-level of expertise given by the valuable participation of a plurality of industry experts in the ESOs, nor generate situations of delays in standardisation processes.

**Therefore, we encourage co-legislators to preserve processes oriented towards sharing and consultation between stakeholders, NSBs and like-minded trading partners, which can help uphold our interests while maintaining a dynamic standardisation environment**. In the same vein, it is crucial that the European Standardisation System remains committed and well-embedded in the international standardisation system, and that the changes in the governance do not lead to the decoupling of standards in areas where international standardisation is critical.