

ACTA should:

1. Require all technical criteria to go through the ANSI approval process.
2. Establish an approval process for technical criteria that includes approval by each industry segment. At the present time a simply majority vote is all that is needed for ACTA to approve something. Thus the two reps of any industry segment could vote NO but the proposal would still be approved, even if such a proposal would irreparably damage that segment. Technical criteria should require approval by each industry segment.
3. Require all administrative standards to go through the ANSI approval process.
4. Establish reporting procedures for SDOs. SDOs mitting technical criteria to ACTA are required by the FCC to certify a few particulars to ACTA. In addition to this, ACTA should require SDOs that are developing technical criteria to submit reports periodically so that ACTA can follow their progress. Also, the SDO should submit the results of all ballots, the comments that were received, how each comment was resolved, identify any unresolved negative votes or unresolved comments, identify ballots that were rejected, etc. This allows ACTA to monitor the process and to identify concerns before the technical criteria reaches ACTA.
5. Adopt the ANSI patent policy.
6. Develop procedures for establishing agents to perform certain duties (e.g., database).
7. Establish procedures for liaison with organizations external to ACTA.
8. Establish procedures for document distribution within ACTA.
9. Adopt procedures for the submission of technical standards, such as, a- A declaration that ANSI procedures were followed.
 - a. A declaration that the proposed standard is within the accredited scope of the Committee.
 - b. A declaration that there are no identified conflicts with another known ANS.
 - c. A declaration that other known standards have been examined with regard to harmonization.
 - d. A declaration that all appeal actions related to approval of the standard have been completed.
 - e. A summary of the voting and unreturned ballots in each interest category.
 - f. Identification of all unresolved views and objections, names of objectors and a report of attempts toward resolution.
 - g. A roster of the SDO and applicable working group at the time of industry ballot.
 - h. Editorial guidelines for draft technical criteria.

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