

Editorial vs Technical Revisions in Standards: A quick reference

Per the COMP Operations Guide:

4.3.2.1 Editorial Changes

When a TS chair makes editorial changes in a standard, no ballot is required and the year designation for the standard is not changed. It is at the discretion of the TS chair to determine what is editorial in nature; guidance on this is whether or not the change will provide clarity without altering the meaning or technical content.

Editorial review is intended to improve the clarity of the text or address obvious errors or omission of information.

Technical changes are those that have an effect such that change an outcome, procedure, equation, unit (load/force/temperature/time), etc. The intent and output of the standard is affected.

Examples of technical changes:

- Referencing another standard should be considered a technical change, since the referenced standard itself has technical content.
- Equations
- Units (load/force/temperature/time/etc...)
- Equipment
- Technical changes to a footnote in a table or an annex

Examples of editorial changes:

- Wording/rephrasing for clarity
- Punctuation
- Addition of a unit equivalence
- Editorial or technical changes to non-mandatory language (notes and appendices)