



STANDARDS CONCLAVE 2017

RECOMMENDATIONS

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GENERAL

- Standards and quality at the core of all economic activities – across good and services
- National Strategy to cover the entire gamut of technical regulations, voluntary standards, conformity assessment, accreditation, metrology, information access, counselling/training

SEPARATION OF ROLES

- Conflict of interest evolving around the world
- Clear separation of roles
- Regulation and Voluntary standards to be housed separately
- Accreditation, conformity assessment and counselling/training
- Restructuring institutions

REGULATIONS VS VOLUNTARY STANDARDS

- Regulation to min acceptable standards on grounds of public interest – health, safety, deceptive trade practices – to be aligned with global standards in a time bound manner – govt's responsibility
- Quality can not be regulated – left to the market
- Voluntary certification (in goods)/accreditation (in some services) to pitch at global standards and higher – promote quality and excellence – compliance to regulations as a component – reduced regulatory oversight – increasingly leave to non governmental sector

REGULATIONS

- Regulations need legislative instrument - need for an open ended legislation to regulate goods and services – freedom to notify any set of requirements or standards – range of options to check compliance including self declaration to third party assessment to regulator’s direct intervention – market surveillance
- Identify products and services needed to be regulated – encourage voluntary frameworks in rest
- Simplify regulations – use of independent, third party bodies, risk classification and proportionate regulatory approval process and oversight
- Incentive to voluntary initiatives by industry less regulatory oversight – simpler approvals
- Voluntary frameworks pending regulation – or to prepare industry for regulation

BALANCING EASE OF DOING BUSINESS


- Balance between need for ease of doing business and simplification of regulatory processes on one hand and applying stringent requirements in regulations on the other – conflicting priorities

RESPONSIBILITY

- Need for a high level overarching authority within the government to implement general policy measures across Ministries and monitor implementation anchored in Niti Aayog
- Need to define responsibility for services industry policy matters

EMPOWERING STATES

- Understanding of standards issues in states inadequate – need to involve them – national mission on quality
- Information dissemination and handholding to MSMEs – free availability of standards and regulations
- Regional Conclaves



Thanks