

standards organization. These organizations have reciprocated by supplying technical and other comments upon the provisions of original New Zealand Draft Standard Specifications. Thus, after circulation of any draft, the standardizing body concerned receives the benefit of the comment forwarded through all those standards organizations which have circulated the draft to affected interests within their respective countries. Both draft and comments are subsequently reviewed by competent representative committees before despatch to the country of origin. This practice ensures that when the draft is authorized for publication as a standard it will have a wider acceptance.

British, Australian, and South African Draft and Standard Specifications to a total number of 307 were received during the year, and action was taken thereon as shown in the tables set out hereunder:—

Draft Standard Specifications.

	Great Britain.	Australian.	South African.	Totals.
Draft Standards received	52	16	1	69
Draft Standards circulated for comment by affected interests	46	11	1	58
Deferred pending consideration of final documents	12	1	..	13
Considered unsuitable for adoption as New Zealand Standards	6	2	..	8
Still under consideration	28	11	1	40
Totals	52	16	1	69

Standard Specifications.

	Great Britain.	Australian.	Totals.
Standards received (including war emergency issues)	104	*134	238
Standards circulated for comment by affected interests	58	22	80
Adopted as New Zealand Standards	15	..	15
Recommended for adoption but not yet approved	4	..	4
Recommended for adoption with amendment but not yet approved	1	..	1
Considered unsuitable for adoption as New Zealand Standards	8	6	14
Received for information only	5	15	20
Still under consideration	71	*113	184
Totals	104	134	238

* Includes British Standard Aircraft Specifications and (Imperial) Air Ministry D.T.D. Specifications adopted as Australian Standards.

Thirteen original Draft New Zealand Standard Specifications were also circulated for comment. Of these, one was abandoned and the remaining twelve are proceeding towards completion. Four original New Zealand Standards have been adopted. Particulars of the specifications referred to will be found under the headings of the respective committees in a later section of the report, which reviews committee activities. Eight existing standards were revised in order to bring these into accord with changing practice and needs.

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- U.S. Treasury Department (Procurement Division).
- National Electrical Manufacturers' Association (U.S.A.).
- Pacific Coast Building Officials Conference.
- Society of Automotive Engineers (U.S.A.).
- American Petroleum Institute.