



## ISO/TC 28 Petroleum products and lubricants

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Dear Members,

Please find attached a discussion paper submitted by Chris Bartlett, UK, regarding the workload of ISO/TC 28. This item will be discussed under agenda items 5 and 6.1 at the forthcoming [22<sup>nd</sup>] ISO/TC 28 meeting.

Yours sincerely

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### **Some thoughts on reduction of the workload of ISO/TC28**

At the ASTM D-2 Meeting in Montreal in June 2002 some discussion took place on the workload of the ISO/TC28 Secretary, and possible ways to achieve some alleviation, thereby speeding up the standards production process.

The following is submitted by IP/BSI as a discussion document for the ISO/TC28 Plenary Meeting in Milan, November 2002.

1.      The UK strongly supports the continued role of ISO/TC28 and its US Secretariat in the development of international petroleum standards.
2.      The UK believes that a major review of the work programme of ISO/TC28 should be considered in order to achieve the objectives outlined above.
3.      The UK proposes that priority should be given by ISO/TC28 to the development of specifications, and the test methods specified in them, for marine fuels, gas turbine fuels and speciality lubricants. Where required, product classifications should be maintained.
4.      The UK proposes that ISO/TC28 should cease any involvement with specifications and related test methods for jet fuels, where authority has remained with other specification bodies.
5.      The UK proposes that ISO/TC28 should withdraw support for standards that are derived directly from ASTM, AFNOR, DIN, IP, NEN and UNI standards; these standards should be maintained by direct ASTM/European collaboration, excepting as in paragraph 3 above.
6.      The UK proposes that CEN/TC19 should, under the Vienna Agreement, lead the development of specifications and related test methods for items that are related to mandated European projects. CEN CMC should be requested to give these items priority.
7.      The UK proposes that the Secretariat of ISO/TC28 should consider offering the responsibility for standards related to petroleum measurement i.e. the work of SC2 and SC6, to another member country.