



# General requirements for the competence of reference material producers

## **ISO Guide 34 ⇔ ISO 17034**

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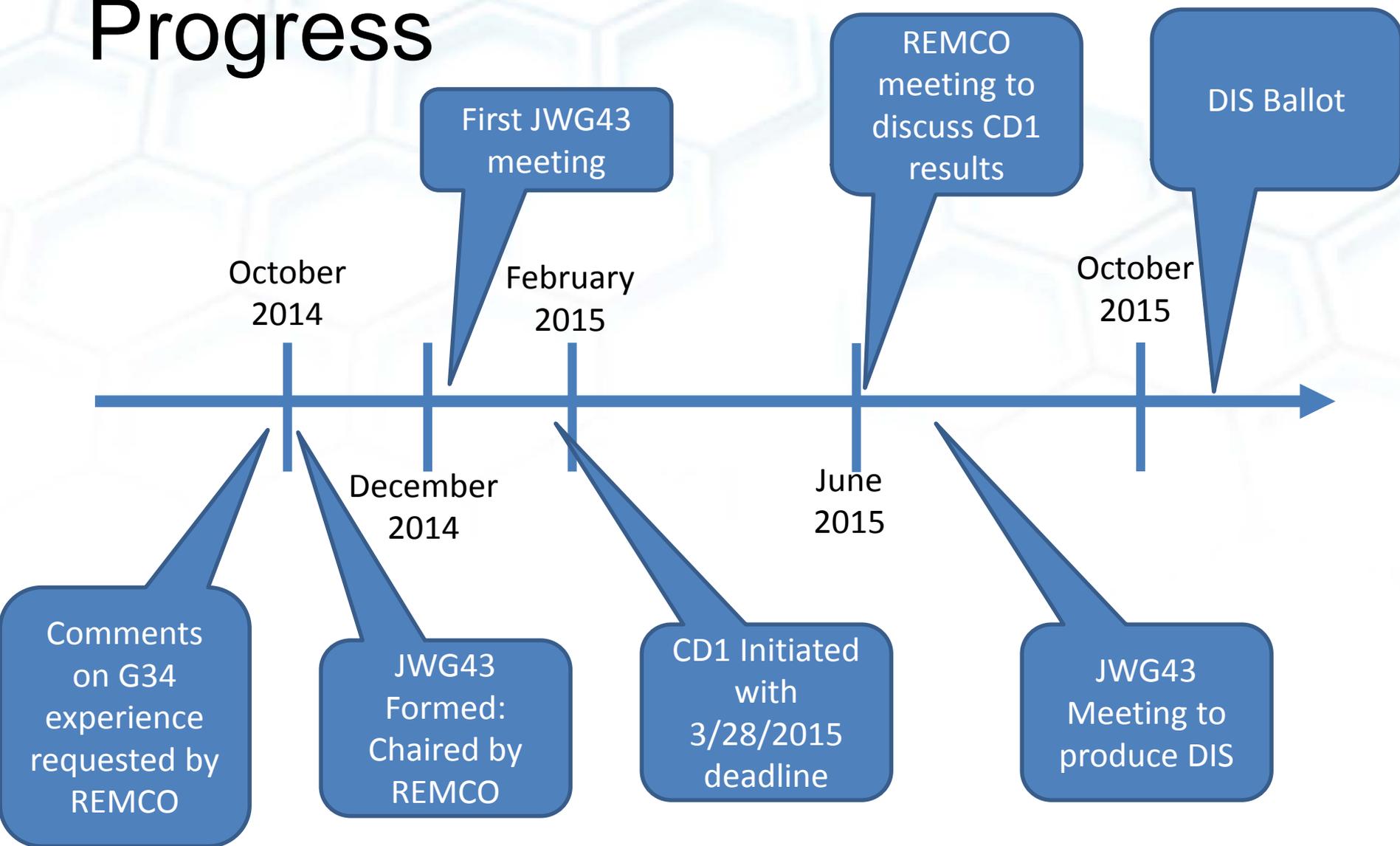
# History

- Guide 34 first published by REMCO in 2000
  - Basic interpretation of Guide 25 in the context of RM production
- Corrigendum in 2003
  - Technical corrections to references
- Current version published in 2009
  - Formatted to match ISO/IEC 17025
  - More complete general requirements
  - Can be used independently of ISO/IEC 17025
- New effort to convert to ISO 17034 in 2015

# ISO Guide 34 to ISO 17034

- Need for a standard rather than a guide
  - Some jurisdictions cannot reference a guide as normative
  - Prospect of the EU developing its own standard
- ISO Technical Management Board petitioned to OK REMCO as a standard writing committee
  - TMB declines in favor of CASCO
- CASCO needs to “own” 17034
- Joint WG: REMCO and CASCO members

# Progress



# Future

- DIS ballot will close January 21, 2016
- 24-26 February 2016
  - JWG43 Drafting Group to pre-scan the comments collected on the DIS/ISO 17034 and prepare some responses /observations for JWG43 in April
- 25-27 April 2016 JWG43 to produce Final Draft International Standard (FDIS)

# 17034 Content Highlights

- Reformatted as described for 17025
- Technical modifications
  - Stability
  - Homogeneity
- Inclusion of essential Guide 31 elements
  - Contents of certificates, labels and accompanying documentation

# Participate in the DIS Ballot

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  - We will send you the document and ISO commenting form
- Comments by January 15, 2016