

# NIST

Global Standards Information



## NIST's Standards Information Center

# Today's Discussion

- How to find standards you need
- How to find technical regulations you need
- Use the NIST information center for program support

# The Standards Information Center Supports NIST's Mission

- To promote U.S. innovation and industrial competitiveness via measurement science standards technology
- To meet U.S. trade stakeholders' needs for current, authoritative, and actionable information to enable U.S. global export success

# A Congressional Mandate

Under 19 U.S. Code, the Department of Commerce is assigned responsibility for operating:

- U.S. National Federal Standards Information Center
- U.S. National “technical offices” to support the World Trade Organization’s Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (WTO TBT) and U.S. Free Trade Agreements

The DOC has delegated these roles to NIST.

# Expert Research Services and Resources

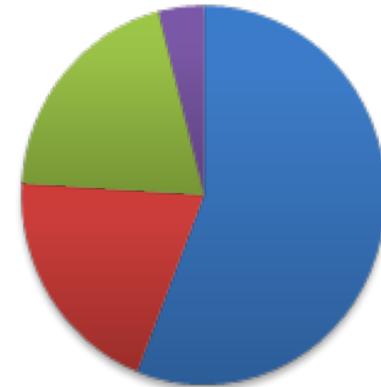
- Standards
- Technical Regulations
- Conformity Assessment Procedures

# Standards Information

- We provide free, expert, and custom answers on
  - U.S. industry, foreign, and international documentary standards
  - U.S. and global standards information needs
- We have access to more than 2 million standards
- We answer ~ 2500 standards-related inquiries each year

# Our customers are diverse

- Industry and Trade Associations
- Standards Developers
- **Government Agencies**
- **U.S. Public**
- **International Governments**
- **WTO TBT Inquiry Points**



U.S. Business   U.S. Govt.   U.S. Public   International

# Our customers know their information needs

- Lots and lots of it!
- Increasingly technical and complex
- Electronic
- Customized
- Fast
- Free
- Self-service
- Value for trade and export stakeholders

Do you have a standards question?

# Customer – U.S. Homeowner



**Question:** What are the U.S. standards for mirrored glass sliding closet doors?

Answer . . .

**ANSI Z97.1 – Safety Glazing Materials Used in Buildings and Safety Performance and Specifications and Methods for Tests**

**Glass Association of North America**

**Bonus**

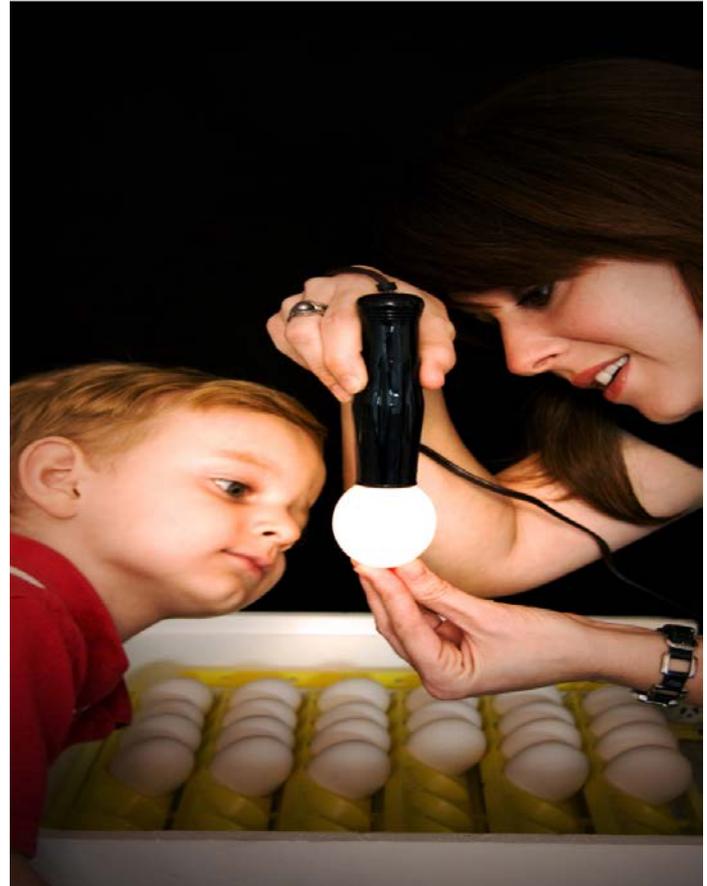
**U.S. Code of Federal Regulations**

Title 16 Part 1301

# Customer – Georgia Quail Farm Manufacturing

Quail Farm's customer in Saudi Arabia requires a "Conformity Certificate of Goods" before they can ship his purchased GQF equipment to him.

**Question:** How does Quail Farm get that certificate?



# Answer . . .

We found appropriate contact persons at:

- [www.BuyUSA.gov](http://www.BuyUSA.gov)
- U.S. Commercial Service in Saudi Arabia
- Local USEAC in Savannah, Georgia

# The standards information we deliver is

- Electronic
- Customized
- Fast
- Free
- Self-service
- With value for trade and export stakeholders
- Increasingly complex

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## Notification Authority and Inquiry Point

# Inquiry Point supports WTO TBT Agreement

## Scope:

- Non-agricultural (manufactured) products
- Agricultural products when their labeling, marking, or packaging is regulated

Inquiry Point responds bibliographically, not technically

Projected 65,000+ information requests in 2010

# Inquiry Point participates in multiple arenas

WORLD TRADE  
ORGANIZATION



Asia-Pacific  
Economic Cooperation



**NAFTA** Secretariat  
Secrétariat de l'**ALÉNA**  
Secretariado del **TLCAN**

We support multiple global partners and are part of the WTO, NAFTA, and ISONET networks of Inquiry Points via meetings, workshops, and visits.

# Export and trade information for U.S. industry and overseas trading partners

- Provide relevant documents
- Answer all reasonable inquiries
  - Standards
  - Technical regulations
  - Conformity assessment procedures
  - Membership and participation of Members
  - Location of notices published by Members
  - Location of Member Inquiry Points

# Inquiry Point recently worked these issues

- Energy efficiency labeling in Saudi Arabia
- Stainless steel in Korea
- Carbon footprint labeling in France
- Alcoholic beverage labeling in Thailand
- Aviation Safety Management Systems (SMS) in Japan
- Telecommunications equipment in India

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# Review

- Can you find the standards you need?
- Can you find the technical regulations you need?
- Can NIST's Standards Information Center help you?

**Widen your world of standards at NIST!**

Thank You

## NIST Standards Information Center

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