

# Standards in the UK after EU exit

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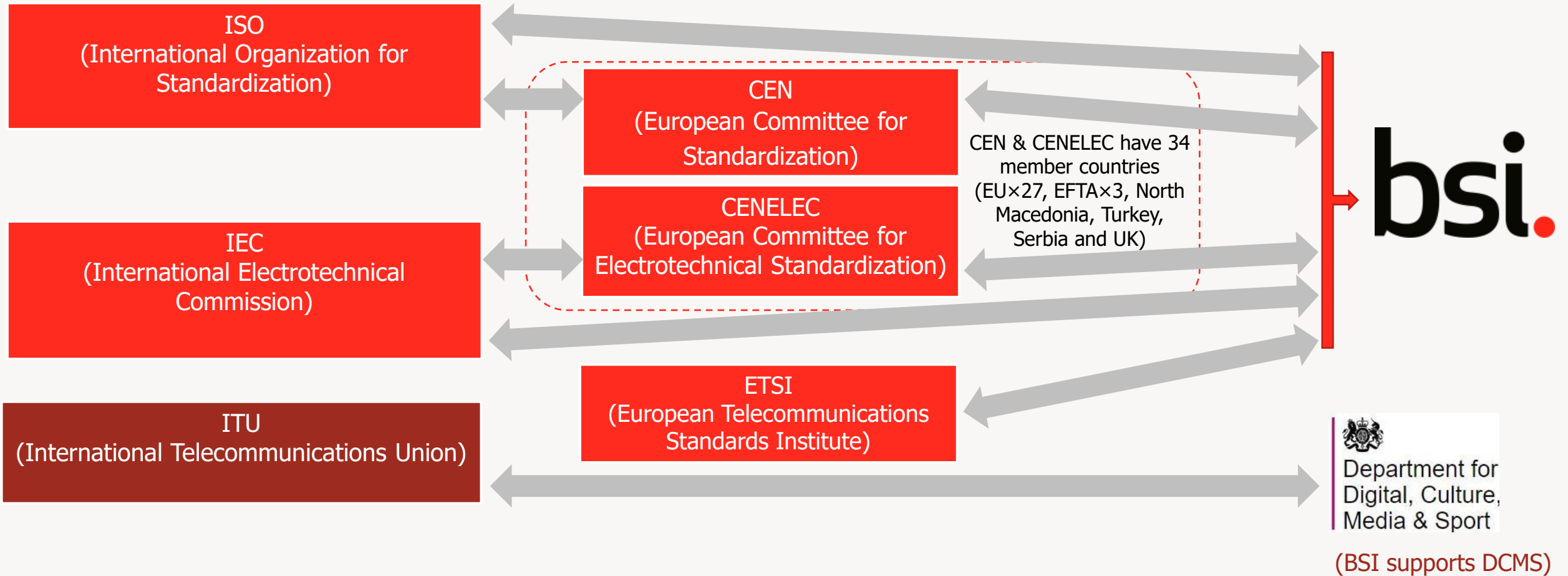
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# Standards are developed in an international system



# BSI as the UK's National Standards Body post-EU exit

- BSI continues to serve the standards needs of UK stakeholders
- BSI works through membership of ISO, IEC, CEN, CENELEC and ETSI
- BSI supports autonomous UK regulatory policy, providing the necessary mechanisms and sources of expertise to deliver UK government's needs for standards as they develop post-transition



# Product regulation in UK from 1/1/21



- **UKCA marking has replaced EU CE marking in Great Britain**
- **Northern Ireland** continues to follow EU law, with CE marking – harmonised standards cited in the OJEU continue to be used in NI for conformity purposes
- In Great Britain, new category of **'designated standards'**
- Designated by government, using a designated standard brings a legal advantage to the manufacturer – presumption of conformity

# Designated standards in Great Britain



- On 1/1/21 UK government designated all relevant harmonised European standards cited by the EU (over 3000 standards)
- BSI's role is to support government to update the designation lists
- BSI provides information quarterly to the Business Department
- BSI online tools show which standards are designated (e.g. BSOL, BSI Shop)
- **How UK government refers standards has changed – their technical content has not**

# BSI's membership of CEN and CENELEC



BSI continues as CEN and CENELEC member, with voting rights of non-EEA member



Transition period for CEN and CENELEC statutes until 31/12/21



CEN and CENELEC members are developing a new model of membership for BSI, to be agreed June 2021

# Further information

BSI Group page on UK regulation post-EU transition: [www.bsigroup.com/brexit](http://www.bsigroup.com/brexit)

BSI designated standards information: [www.bsigroup.com/standardsandregulation](http://www.bsigroup.com/standardsandregulation)

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List of designated standards: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/designated-standards>



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