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Standardizing Situation in Cambodia

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ISC's Structure and mandate

- The Institute of Standards of Cambodia called in brief “ISC” is a governmental body and mandated by the **Law on Standard of Cambodia** as amended, to perform as national standard body and conformity assessment body.

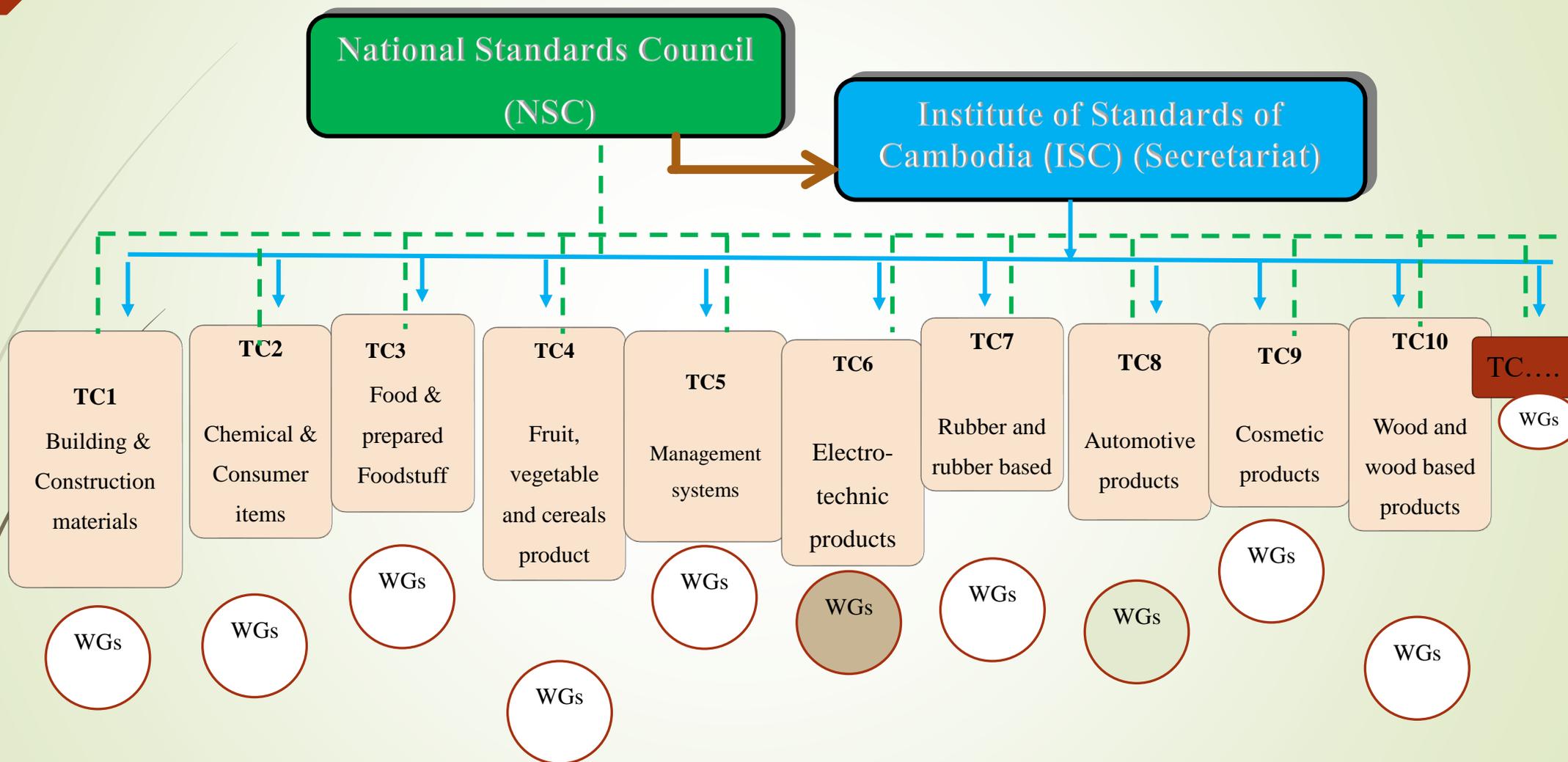
- The ISC has its own structure as follows:
 1. Department of Information,
 2. Department of Standards development, training and consultation,
 3. Department of Certification and
 4. Department of Regulatory.

Standard Development Process

- Proposal stage (request by any body)
- Drafting stage (by working groups)
- Committee stage (discuss and review by technical committees)
- Technical public comments (min. three months)
- Approval stage (by National Standards Council stages)
- Publish for implementation (Six months before come into force)
- Standards will be reviewed after five years (update or withdrawal)

Structure of Standards Development in Cambodia

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Note: There are 12 Technical Committees (TC) covering specific products.

National Standardization Policies

- Consensus Process and Openness and Transparency
- National Interest
- Conformance with International Agreements
- Avoiding Duplication
- Trade and Anti-competitive requirements
- Protection Against Misleading Standards
- Patents and Language

National Policy for adoption standards

- International standards such as ISO, IEC, ITU and Codex are first choice for adopting into national standards,
- In case of, no international standards existed, the regional is preferred,
- The translation is required before adoption, but sometime it depend on the decision of the NSC.

Challenges

- Languages,
- Technical and capacity
- Lack of experts
- Stakeholder involvements
- Budget

Thank You!