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International

1. New webpage examines link between trade and natural disasters

The WTO has published a new webpage on trade and natural disasters to provide access to research papers and WTO-organized symposia dealing with this topic. The webpage collates research on the impact of natural disasters on countries' trading capacity and how the multilateral trading system can help countries respond to and recover from these disasters.

Learn more [here](#).

2. WTO report looks at standards and regulations notified by members in COVID-19 response

The WTO Secretariat has issued a new information note on the standards- and regulation-related policies WTO members have adopted in response to COVID-19 and formally notified to the WTO. Around half of the measures are trade facilitating.

Learn more [here](#).

3. WTO report examines impact of COVID-19 pandemic on small businesses

The WTO Secretariat has published an information note looking at how micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) are being affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. It notes the impact of supply chain disruptions on MSMEs and the extent to which smaller businesses are represented in the economic sectors hardest hit by the crisis.

Learn more [here](#).

ISO

1. Standards to help tourism recover post covid-19

The ISO member for Spain, UNE, has developed national guidance to reinvigorate one of its most important sectors after an extended lockdown. One of the challenges that individuals and businesses have faced in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic has been the lack of a consistent approach, even at the national level. Now, UNE has provided a unified set of guidelines to be applied everywhere. It underlines the important role of standards in bringing clarity and establishing confidence.

Learn more [here](#).

2. New management system standard for oil and gas published

ISO 29001, *Petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries – Sector-specific quality management systems – Requirements for product and service supply organizations*, becomes part of management system standards (MSS) that are tailored to the needs of specific sectors. It replaces the previous technical specification, ISO/TS 29001. The most significant revision is the way in which it's been aligned to ISO 9001.

Learn more [here](#).

IEC

1. How energy efficiency can help the post COVID-19 economy

The International Energy Agency (IEA) says that energy efficiency can play a vital role in economic recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the Paris-based intergovernmental organization, more efficient use of energy could generate an untapped source of fuel, larger than fossil and renewable energy sources combined.

Learn more [here](#).

2. Applying standards to the circular economy

The circular economy calls for a radical shift in production and consumption. To facilitate products to last longer, standards are needed to ensure that, amongst others, product safety, performance and reliability are sufficiently considered. Issues such as data removal and security must also be considered as products are reused and change ownership.

Learn more [here](#).

3. New IEC standard to help people with disabilities

IEC 63008 is a new standard, which contains test procedures and requirements to improve the accessibility of household appliances for people with disabilities. It can apply to a wide range of household appliances, including washing machines as well as smaller items, such as egg-cookers or electric kettles. They concern control elements, for instance door handles and drawers on washing machines, push buttons on microwave ovens or vacuum cleaners and so on.

Learn more [here](#).