

Rules for votes by correspondence on draft resolutions in Technical Committees As approved by Resolution BT 1/2011

Submission of a draft resolution to vote

Whatever the voting system used, the draft resolution submitted to vote shall be drafted in such a way as to avoid any ambiguity and the deadline for voting shall be stated clearly.

Note: Formatted resolutions should be used, if existing.

Voting on a draft resolution

- Only the National Standards Bodies (NSB), members of CEN, are allowed to vote, on the basis of one vote per NSB;
- An NSB voting on a draft resolution can answer as follows:
 - o Agreement, which may be accompanied by comments;
 - o Disagreement, which must be justified and consequently be accompanied by comments;
 - o Abstention, which must be accompanied by comments.

Note: Absence of reply is equivalent to abstention.

Results

- The voting report shall include all the replies and comments received as well as the absences of reply (given by NSB);
- The explicit abstentions and the abstentions by absence of reply should be reported upon separately;
- Except for resolutions on the adoption of new work items to result in an EN or TS and on initiation, release or derogation from standstill, a resolution is adopted by a simple majority vote: the number of 'agreements' must be greater than the number of 'disagreements'; an absence of reply shall be considered as an abstention;
- Resolutions on the adoption of new work items to result in an EN or TS and on initiation, release or derogation from standstill are adopted by weighted vote, in accordance with 6.2.1 of the CEN-CENELEC Internal Regulations – Part 2, i.e.:
 - o A weighting as given in annex D of the CEN-CENELEC Internal Regulations – Part 2 shall be allocated to each vote;
 - o The resolution is adopted if 71,00 % or more of the weighted votes cast (explicit abstentions and abstentions by absence of reply not counted) are 'agreements' with the draft resolution.