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Question:

Product standards often refer to specific standards or other sources for the specification of test methods. Changes in the test method can result in differences with regard to the interpretation of test results for the assessment of the product, e.g. with regard to performance levels. What should notified bodies do when a test method standard is revised?

Solution:

As long as the product standard has not been revised, the old test method should be used.

NOTE 1: Notified bodies should try to make sure that product standards contain only dated references to test method standards.

NOTE 2: If a test method standard has been revised, the consequences for the interpretation of test results should be discussed, and an amendment to the product standard be proposed as quickly as possible, if necessary.