

Title: **Notes on new directives regarding amendments**

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The new directives that govern JTC 1 works (i.e., a combination of ISO/IEC directives + JTC 1 supplement) contain the following clause, while no similar or corresponding rules were in our old directives (the JTC 1 Directives):

**2.10.4 Avoidance of proliferation of modifications**

No more than 2 separate documents in the form of technical corrigenda or amendments shall be published modifying a current International Standard. The development of a third such document shall result in publication of a new edition of the International Standard.

As you know, we WG 2 don't produce corrigenda recently, but we do amendments very often.

Recently, in Japanese national committees for JTC 1 works, there are some discussions regarding this rule. Although there is no official decision (yet), the majority opinion of Japanese national committees seems to want this "no Amd.3" rule to be strictly enforced on all JTC 1 standards.

In future ballots, Japan may vote against a draft amendment if it is a third (or later) amendment, only for that reason. There is another possibility, which is not directly related to Japanese opinions, that ITTF rejects a third draft amendment and the ballot doesn't begin.

I hope WG 2 to consider the situation and to follow the "no Amd.3" rule in our future technical works.

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