



Canadian Standards Association  
Mississauga, Ontario  
**To the Part I Committee**

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Subject No. 3168

Chair: A.Z.Tsisserev

Date: March 31, 2004

Title: Handling of Rejected Proposals by Part I, Appendix C8,1,3,4

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**Submitted by:** G. Lobay, Vice-Chair of Part I Executive Committee on February 17, 2004.

**Proposal:** Revise Clause C8.1.3.4 as follows:

(Underlined text is proposed new text; ~~strikeout text~~ is existing text which is proposed to be deleted.)

C8.1.3.4

If the Section Subcommittee's recommendation is to reject the submitter's proposal and the Committee on Part I rejects the Section Subcommittee's recommendation, the Committee on Part I ~~may:~~

~~—— (a) Return the subject to the Subcommittee for further review; or~~

~~—— (b) Accept a motion to accept the original submission.~~

shall return the proposal to the Section Subcommittee for further review of the reasons for rejection provided by the Committee on Part I.

**Reasons for Request:**

Concerns have been expressed by some members of the Executive Committee that C8.1.3.4(b) does not fully respect due process. Currently, Clause C8.1.3.4(b) allows the Part I committee to override a subcommittee recommendation to reject a proposal. In other words Part I in fact would be allowed by C8.1.3.4(b) to accept the original proposal to the subcommittee, in spite of the fact that the subcommittee recommendation and decision was to reject it.

Part I is obliged to provide reasons for its rejection of a proposal. I think the only reasonable option is to send it back to subcommittee for further review of the Part I reasons for rejection. There was a suggestion that C8.1.3.4(b) be changed to allow a motion to close the Subject, but it doesn't seem reasonable to provide an option to the Part I committee which would allow a complete about face, from, on the one hand not wanting to lose the original proposal, to, on the other hand, closing the Subject.

**Supporting Information:**

The above proposal was developed as a result of informal collaboration between some members of the Part I Executive Committee.

**Chair's Comments:** This proposal accurately reflects a view point expressed by a number of Part I members and guests who were able to observe execution of Clause C8.1.3.4(b) during the last meeting, when the original submission rejected by the S/C, was, in fact, adopted by the Part I. These members indicated that the current Clause (b) not only appears to adversely impose on due process, but it also invites Part I members to make a technical decision without a benefit of detailed consultation and evaluation of all relevant aspects that are normally considered at the S/C level.

The proposed amendment will allow Part I to send a necessary message to the S/C and will foster a new round of the S/C deliberations with the benefit of Part I input.

Without expressing my personal position, I'm inviting members of the S/C to reply as per attached form.

**Subcommittee Deliberation:** Seven members of the S/C (Exec. Committee) replied to this proposal. All respondents unanimously supported the submitted proposal.

**Subcommittee Recommendation:** To accept proposal as submitted.