

HUNGARIAN STANDARDS INSTITUTION

The first standards had appeared in Hungarian language in 1868 (the rails and sleepers of the railway of Fiume). This was followed by the standardization of the building materials, the firetools, the electrotechnical tools and methods, among others with the management of experts such as Miklós Ybl, architect. The institutionalized standardization began in 1921 by the foundation of the Hungarian Industrial Standardizing Committee of which the president was Kálmán Kandó. This committee worked as a separate professional body with small transformations till 1948, till the socialization. Since then it lived on as a governmental organization till 1995, when it became a separate, non-profit public body again – on the name Magyar Szabványügyi Testület (Hungarian Standards Institution) – because of partially external (joining of Hungary to the EU), on the other hand internal (market-economical relations) causes. From then the standardization is a supporting (and not prohibitive) tool of the participants of the market. They attend in the development of the standards on a national, European and international level not by necessity but in order to vindicate their interests.

The international acknowledgement of the standardizational work of the MSZT is indicative of that it is full member of every international and European standardizational organization. On the field of certification its system certification is honoured world wide by its membership of the International Certification Network (IQNet), its employee certification is honoured in Europe by the acknowledgement of the European Organization for Quality (EOQ), its standard product certification is honoured all over the world by its membership of the international standards organizations. The high level domestic acceptance is an essential term of these acknowledgements. Based on the professional plane of the standardizational activity existing from 1868, the preparedness and human attitude of the participant experts, the transformations based on the results and experiences of the former decades generating appreciation at a European and world wide level as well, the real meaning of **MSZT** letter word is **Marketability**, **Skill** and **Zealous Trustworthiness**.

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