

## International Safety Standards Agencies

Most countries have their own standards writing agencies. However, the basis for the majority of International standards are adaptations from, or exact duplication of publications from the following Safety Standard Agencies. These Standards Agencies are commissioned to create and publicize International Safety Standards. They are standards setting agencies only. The enforcement of and testing to these standards is undertaken at the national level, but the final interpretation of design and approval of the product always lies with the National Test Agencies

### IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission)



The IEC is composed of representatives from manufacturers, users, and national testing labs from many of the European industrialized nations. Their primary directive is to publicize recommendations for safety standards. Although IEC publications do not have the force of law, in most cases new standards published by the National Testing Agencies in Europe and Australia have only minor deviations from IEC publications.

### CEE (International Commission for Rules for the Approval of Electrical Equipment)



CEE was composed of representatives from European National Testing Labs. The CEE's work has been taken over by CENELEC.

### CENELEC (European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization)



The primary responsibility of CENELEC is to develop electrotechnical standards which represent a consensus among its European member countries. While IEC publications are generally the basis for European National Standards, CENELEC will cover matters which its members feel are not completely addressed by IEC documents.