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Office of Management and Budget. *Circular A-119: Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards and in Conformity Assessment Activities*.

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Note

This reference establishes United States federal policy governing participation in the development and use of voluntary consensus standards and conformity assessment activities.

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-119 implements the standards policy established by the [National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act \(NTTAA\)](#) and provides guidance for federal agencies on selecting, participating in, and applying voluntary consensus standards.

FDIS-RA cites this policy to provide context for:

- Adoption of voluntary consensus standards
- Participation in standards development organizations
- Preference for open, consensus-based standards
- Interoperability across agencies and jurisdictions
- Standards-based architectural governance
- Conformity assessment activities

OMB Circular A-119 supports the use of standards developed through recognised standards development organizations while preserving the authority of federal agencies to determine how those standards are applied within their statutory responsibilities.

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