
The Standard Review:

Updates from other standards bodies that are relevant to the cordage industry.

OCIMF is updating their flagship Mooring Equipment Guidelines (MEG) publication to ensure the publication remains relevant and fit for purpose. The Cordage Institute and EuroCord are working together to support OCIMF with the revision.

ASTM Standards

F2959-26a Standard practice for aerial adventure courses – this is a newly approved standard

[View on astm.org](https://www.astm.org)

CEN/TC 168/WG3 “Fibre ropes, fibre rope slings, flat textile slings and roundslings”

WG3 is currently reviewing the EN 1492-1, -2 and -4 documents. Textile Slings made of synthetic fibers used for general purpose use. -1 covers Flat woven webbing slings. -2 covers Roundslings. -4 covers lifting slings for both general service and engineered lifting operations made from fiber ropes. The series of standards is reviewed and updated in subgroups. The three sub-working groups form working group WG3. The working group is also adding a new work item: Hoist ropes made with high-performance synthetic fibers for crane applications.

The focus of the revision of the series of standards is on the inclusion of additional synthetic fibers, the expansion of the load-bearing capacity spectrum, sustainability aspects and occupational safety. The work is carried out in accordance with the specifications of the TC CEN, according to which the working group members are, among other things, obliged to maintain confidentiality. The transition from the superordinate Machinery Directive to the Machinery Regulation is supported by special analysis procedures.

For those Cordage Institute Members that would like to comment but are not in one of the CEN countries, please contact the [CI Technical Director, Sarah Padilla](#). She can submit observations for review through the CI’s liaison status with CEN TC 168.

ISO Standards recently balloted:

- [ISO 1805: Fishing nets- determination of breaking force and knot breaking force of netting yarns](#) –out for systematic review until May 22.
- [ISO 9554 – Fibre ropes – General specifications](#) – International Standard confirmed March 2025. The US is leading a revision to align this standard with updates already made in other ISO documents. The working group is currently drafting those changes.

- ISO/PWI 26949 – Fibre ropes – Test methods for high-modulus reduced recoil risk rope – ballot to approve this new work item just closed. ISO draft will follow CI 1502 as closely as possible. The US is the project leader.

ISO Standards recently published or reconfirmed:

- [ISO 18692-1 : Fiber ropes for offshore stationkeeping – Part 1: General](#) - At the next meeting in October, TC38/WG21: Fibre Ropes Work Group will propose to start the work on the other parts.
- [ISO 10325 – Fibre ropes – High modulus polyethylene – 8-strand braided ropes, 12-strand braided ropes and covered ropes](#) - At the next meeting in October, TC38/WG21: Fibre Ropes Work Group will propose to reopen this standard to update the tables.
- [ISO 10547: Polyester fibre ropes – double braid construction](#) – systematic review ballot recently closed
- [ISO 10554: Polyamide fibre ropes – double braid construction](#) – systematic review ballot reconfirmed this document.
- [ISO 10556: Fibre ropes of polyester/polyolefin dual fibers](#) – systematic review ballot reconfirmed this document.
- [ISO 10572: Mixed polyolefin fiber ropes](#) – systematic review ballot reconfirmed this document.

ISO Standards out for ballot:

- [ISO 858: Fishing nets – designation of netting yarns in the Tex system](#) – out for systematic review
- [ISO 1140: Fibre ropes – Polyamide – 3-, 4-, 8-, and 12-strand ropes](#) – out for systematic review
- [ISO 1141: Fibre ropes – Polyester – 3-, 4-, 8-, and 12-strand ropes](#) – out for systematic review
- [ISO 1346: Fibre ropes- polypropylene split film, monofilament and multifilament and polypropylene high0tenacity multifilament – 3-, 4-, 8-, 12- strand ropes](#) – out for systematic review

Note on ISO 1140, 1141, & 1346. These three standards need to be updated with a general warning text.

- [ISO 1531: Fishing nets – Hanging of netting – Basic terms and definitions](#) – out for systematic review
- [ISO 1532: Fishing nets- Cutting knotted netting to shape \(tapering\)](#) – out for systematic review
- [ISO 3505: Ropes and cordage – Equivalence between natural fibre ropes and man-made fibre ropes for use in mooring of vessels](#) – out for systematic review

ISO New Work Items being Drafted:

- [ISO/AWI 25989: Ships and marine technology - Marine static towing assembly lines](#) – this work item has been approved by the Ships and Marine Technology Subcommittee – TC 8/ SC 4/ WG4. They are currently working on a draft.

- [ISO/AWI 25962: Ships and marine technology - Technical requirements for the insert in a fairlead](#) – this work item has been approved by the Ships and Marine Technology Subcommittee – TC 8/ SC 4/ WG4. They are currently working on a draft.
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UIAA Standards

[UIAA 110: Static Ropes: Climbing and Mountaineering Equipment](#) – this standard published in May 2026, and becomes effective September 2026.

Did I miss something? Please let me know, and I will add it to the next Standard Review.