

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) 2023 Agency Report

1. Please provide a summary of your agency's activities undertaken to carry out the provisions of OMB Circular A-119, "Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards and in Conformity Assessment Activities" and the National Technology Transfer and Advance Act (NTTAA). The summary should contain a link to the agency's standards-specific website(s) where information about your agency's standards and conformity assessment related activities are available.

When NARA used standards during rulemaking in FY 2023, we complied with Executive Order 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review;" Executive Order 13563, "Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review;" Executive Order 13610, "Identifying and Reducing Regulatory Burdens;" Executive Order 13609, "Promoting International Regulatory Cooperation;" Executive Order 13771, "Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs"; and OMB Circular A-4, "Regulatory Analysis."

2. . Please list the government-unique standards (GUS) your agency began using in lieu of voluntary consensus standards during FY 2023. Please note that GUS which are still in effect from previous years should continue to be listed, thus the total number in your agency's report will include all GUS currently in use (previous years and new as of this FY):

NARA RESPONSE:

NARA promulgated no rules in FY 2023 using Government unique standards (GUS).

NARA uses both voluntary consensus standards (VCS) and GUS in our procurement activities. NARA's Office of the Chief Acquisition Officer relies on program office personnel (technical experts) to identify, manage, and review the standards used in procurements of products and services within their own program areas. NARA's standards-related activities are available here:

<https://www.archives.gov/preservation/technical>

<https://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/storage-standards-toolkit>

<https://www.archives.gov/files/federal-register/write/handbook/ibr.pdf>

2. Please record any government-unique standards (GUS) your agency began using in lieu of voluntary consensus standards (VCS) during FY 2023. Please note, GUS which are still in effect from previous years should continue to be listed, and you do not need to report your agency's use of a GUS where no similar VCS exists.

Start by reviewing Table 1: Current Government Unique Standards FY2023.

To add a new GUS, please include:

1. The name of the GUS;
2. The name(s) and version(s) of the VCS(s) that might have been used, but after review, found to be inappropriate;
3. A brief rationale on why the VCS(s) was not chosen.

PROPOSED NARA REPNSE:

Current total GUS = 0