

EXCHANGE OF SPECIFICATIONS

The Standards Council has continued to exchange draft and standard specifications with the national standards organizations in other countries. Under this arrangement copies of all specifications formulated in New Zealand have been sent to the standardizing bodies in the English-speaking countries, as well as to those in certain other countries which maintain contact with New Zealand. In return, during the year under review, New Zealand has received 833 similar documents from 14 Standards organizations, as set out in Table B below. The draft and standard specifications received from the English-speaking countries are referred to the appropriate committees of the Standards Council to obtain comments based on New Zealand's requirements for transmission to the originating bodies. In addition, in the case of specifications received from Great Britain, these are circulated to all the affected interests in the Dominion in order to determine their suitability for adoption as New Zealand standard specifications. Similarly, each of the countries concerned receives copies of all original New Zealand specifications with the object of obtaining comments for transmission to New Zealand. This reciprocal arrangement ensures that, so far as practicable, uniform standard specifications will be adopted by the English-speaking nations and by the Empire countries in particular—a matter of the utmost importance, since the adoption of uniform standards obviates the necessity for manufacturers supplying markets in several countries to make to a different specification for each market.

Table B.—Specifications received from other Countries

Source of Supply.	New and Revised Standards.	Draft Standards.	Emergency Standards.	Draft Emergency Standards.	Totals.
<i>National Standardizing Bodies</i>					
British Standards Institution	101	131	3	2	237
Standards Association of Australia	1	10	9	1	21
Canadian Standards Association	6	1	..	..	7
American Standards Association	87	..	31	..	118
Association Francaise de Normalisation	67	55	..	..	122
Instituto Uruguayo de Normas Tecnicas	10	..	..	..	10
<i>Other Organizations</i>					
Australian Department of Commerce and Agriculture (Commonwealth Food Control)	11	..	..	..	11
American Society for Testing Materials	82	..	2	..	84
Canadian Government Purchasing Standards Committee	28	..	17	..	45
Indian Railway Board	14	..	..	..	14
U.S. Department of Commerce (National Bureau of Standards)	28	..	..	..	28
National Board of Fire Underwriters (U.S.) ..	64	..	..	..	64
Society of Automotive Engineers (U.S.) ..	17	..	..	..	27
U.S. Treasury Department (Federal Standard Stock Catalogue)	45	..	..	..	45
Totals	571	197	62	3	833