

Menstrual products

ISO/TC 338



The market for menstrual products is substantial, with 300 million people menstruating daily.

Establishing international standards can ensure safety, quality and performance, while promoting innovation and sustainability.

In low-and-middle income countries, one in three women and girls rely on non-purpose-made materials to manage their menstruation, affecting their health, education and socio-economic participation. Affordable menstrual products face market challenges in these regions due to lack of global standards.

The ISO technical committee, led by The Swedish Institute for Standards (SIS), is currently working to develop global standards for menstrual products including single- and multiple-use products worn externally or internally.

- ISO/PWI 25130 **Menstrual products — General and safety requirements**
- ISO/PWI 25071 **Menstrual products — Vocabulary**

The work covers everything from pads and tampons to period-underwear and menstrual cups, and will become a global framework. Visit the ISO/TC 338 website for more information:

<https://committee.iso.org/home/tc338>

Ready to join? Public and private sector stakeholders can participate through their national standardization body. Find your national standardization body: <https://www.iso.org/about/members>



Linda Serwaa
Head of Product Quality Assurance,
UNFPA

“At the end of this project, when we have a standard in place, we will ensure that all stakeholders involved are accountable and responsible for making sure their products, especially menstrual health products, meet internationally acceptable standards.”

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Amal Elhenawy
Technical Secretary, Egyptian
Organization for Standards and Quality

“ISO standards have many benefits for the consumers, not only to obtain safe and effective products, but these products should also be comfortable. Comfortable products will help girls and women to participate in the activities such as education, sports and social activities.”

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To ensure the global process is as inclusive and representative as possible, SIS is actively seeking to increase participation from national standardization bodies and stakeholders from all over the world, especially from low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) where the needs are greatest.

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