

G16. Can I still use a BS, EN or ISO standard that is listed as current/superseded?

The simple answer is yes, but LEEA advises that you begin preparing to implement the new standard that will replace it, as explained below.

Under CEN (European Committee for Standardization) rules when an EN standard is published, all conflicting national standards must be withdrawn.

However, many new CEN standards are issued in multiple parts, and this withdrawal rule only applies once all parts have been published.

In some cases, a national standard may remain “current/superseded” because not all parts of the EN series are complete, even though the existing EN parts already contain **sufficient technical information** to replace the national version.

Therefore full withdrawal cannot take place until all parts are published, hence the status “current/superseded”. Since it is inevitable the EN standard will eventually be completed, LEEA recommends planning a transition to the new standard as early as possible to minimise the impact on your organisation.

Example:

BS EN ISO 10855, covering offshore containers and associated lifting sets, was published in three parts:

1. Part 1 – Containers: design, manufacture, testing and marking
2. Part 2 – Lifting sets: design and manufacture
3. Part 3 – Periodic inspection and testing

When first introduced, EN 12079 (the previous standard) remained listed as *current/superseded* because not all ISO 10855 parts were yet available. Full withdrawal only occurred once all three parts were published, at which point BS EN ISO 10855 became the definitive reference.

For further information on designing or manufacturing to a withdrawn standard, refer to [FAQ M71. The standard for my product has been withdrawn and there is no current standard covering it?](#). This FAQ is available as a free download for LEEA members.

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