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ASABE ADOPTS REVISED ISO STANDARD FOR MACHINERY SAFETY LABELS

ST JOSEPH, MICHIGAN—The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) has adopted the latest version of an ISO standard for safety signs, replacing the U.S. national standard of the same scope and purpose.

The new national standard, ASABE/ISO 11684:2023, Tractors, machinery for agriculture and forestry, powered lawn and garden equipment — Safety labels — General principles, establishes general principles for the design of safety labels and hazard pictorials of tractors, machinery for agriculture and forestry, and powered lawn and garden equipment. It also outlines safety label objectives, describes the basic safety label formats and colors, provides guidance on developing the various panels that together constitute a safety label, and includes safety label information with regard to operator's manuals.

The new national standard replaces ANSI/ASABE AD11684:1995 APR2011 (R2021), which contained requirements that were included in a recent revision of the ISO standard, led by Canada. That revision paved the way for its adoption by ASABE as a national standard.

This adoption continues to further harmonize national and international standardization, a goal that facilitates manufacturing, safety advancements, and product marketing worldwide.

ASABE members with standards access and those with site-license privileges can access the full-text via electronic download on the ASABE online Technical Library at elibrary.asabe.org/. Others can obtain a download for a fee directly from the library or by contacting ASABE headquarters at OrderStandard@asabe.org.

ASABE is recognized worldwide as a standards-developing organization for food, agricultural, and biological systems, with more than 280 standards currently in publication. Conformance to ASABE standards is voluntary, except where required by state, provincial, or other governmental requirements,

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and the documents are developed by consensus in accordance with procedures approved by the American National Standards Institute. For information on this or any other ASABE standard, contact Scott Cedarquist at 269-932-7031, cedarq@asabe.org. A current listing of all ASABE standards projects can be found on the ASABE web site at www.asabe.org/projects.

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