

Appeals, Products and ISO 29500

I read [Bob Sutor's](#) blog the other day about voting for the appeal on ISO 29500. I don't see any reason for any national body to support the appeal on ISO 29500. For that matter, I still didn't see any reason for IBM to oppose ISO 29500.

I have thought of one possible explanation. Consider this standard/product support matrix:

Company	ISO 26300	ISO 29500
IBM	Product Support	No Product Support
Microsoft	Product Support (promised)	Product Support (promised)

Could it really be that simple? Is IBM is urging national bodies to vote based on IBM's lack of support for ISO 29500 in its product line?

I think product plans of a particular vendor should be low on the list of concerns for national bodies voting on standards or appeals.

My suggestion is that the appeal on ISO 29500 be denied so everyone who does have product plans for that standard can move forward. Then we can work on reforming the rules for JTC 1.

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