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ASABE TO ADOPT SEVEN ISO DOCUMENTS ON AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT SAFETY

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The documents proposed for adoption are:

- ISO 3776-1:2006, Tractors and machinery for agriculture—Seat belts—Part 1: Anchorage location requirements.
- ISO 3776-3:2009, Tractors and machinery for agriculture—Seat belts—Part 3: Requirements for assemblies.
- ISO 4252:2007, Agricultural tractors—Operator's workplace, access and exit—Dimensions.
- ISO 4254-6:2009, Agricultural machinery—Safety—Part 6: Sprayers and liquid fertilizer distributors.
- ISO 4254-11:2010, Agricultural machinery—Safety—Part 11: Pick-up balers.
- ISO 26322-1:2008, Tractors for agriculture and forestry—Safety—Part 1: Standard tractors.
- ISO 26322-2:2010, Tractors for agriculture and forestry—Safety—Part 2: Narrow-track and small tractors.

The adoptions, if approved, will increase the visibility and use of the standards and benefit international trade. They will also further harmonize national and international standards, a goal that facilitates manufacturing, safety advancements and product marketing worldwide.

ASABE has been actively involved in the adoption of ISO standards, both identically and with deviations. To date, more than thirty ISO standards have been

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adopted by the organization and are being used by agricultural equipment manufacturers throughout North America and beyond.

ASABE is recognized worldwide as a standards developing organization for food, agricultural, and biological systems, with more than 240 standards currently in publication. Conformance to ASABE standards is voluntary, except where required by state, provincial, or other governmental requirements, 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 ASABE, 269-932-7031, cedarq@asabe.org. A current listing of all ASABE standards projects can be found on the ASABE web site at http://www.asabe.org/standards/projects,-adoptions,-revisions,-withdrawals.aspx .

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