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Revision to ASABE Operator Manual Standard Will Be Proposed for International Use

ST JOSEPH, MICHIGAN— The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) has initiated a project to revise its operator manual standard for tractors, agriculture, and forestry machinery, and powered lawn and garden equipment.

The revision to ASAE EP363.1, Technical Publications for Agricultural Equipment, will be a complete rewrite that will then be used as the proposed basis to update a corresponding international standard, ISO 3600:1996, Tractors, machinery for agriculture and forestry, powered lawn and garden equipment – Operator’s manuals – Content and presentation. The ISO document is out of date and contains much extraneous information.

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

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