

2027 CODE & IS UPDATE PROCESS – TIMELINES & KEY PHASES

DATE	ACTION / EVENT
9 May 2023	WADA Executive Committee approval of the proposed approach for the 2027 Code and IS update process and associated Drafting Team Working Groups.
Week of 25 September 2023	Launch of Stakeholder Engagement Phase
22 December 2023	End of Stakeholder Engagement Phase
Week of 8 January 2024	Launch of First Drafting Phase
19 April 2024	End of First Drafting Phase
21 May 2024	Launch of Stakeholder Consultation Phase
11 October 2024	End of Stakeholder Consultation Phase
18 October 2024	Launch of Second Drafting Phase
21 February 2025	End of Second Drafting Phase
Week of 24 February – 30 May 2025	Third Consultation Phase
June – August 2025	Finalization of Code and IS
Week of 8 September 2025	Publication of the proposed drafts of the 2027 Code and IS
September 2025	Submission of final drafts to WADA Executive Committee
December 2025	WADA Executive Committee and Foundation Board Approval at the Sixth World Conference on Doping in Sport in Busan, South Korea
January 2026	Publication of approved 2027 Code and IS in English and French
January 2027	Coming into force of 2027 Code and IS

Stakeholder Engagement Phase (September – December 2023)

During the first phase, the ‘Stakeholder Engagement Phase’, stakeholders shall be invited to provide feedback on certain key concepts which have been collated into various ‘Concept Papers’. These papers succinctly outline the specific areas that have been identified at this stage by WADA management and Drafting Teams as requiring specific consideration as part of the review/update to the Code and IS. This noted, as in previous review processes, stakeholders will also be provided the opportunity to offer feedback and comments on other areas which they consider require review or updating based on their practical experience and application.

First Drafting Phase (January - April 2024)

The first ‘internal’ drafting phase shall consist of the different Drafting Teams considering, reviewing, and implementing stakeholder feedback into the Code and IS which will be received during the first ‘Stakeholder Engagement Phase’.

Stakeholder Consultation Phase (May - October 2024)

Following the end of the first drafting phase, stakeholders will be invited to provide their input on the first drafts of each document. To take account of the 2024 Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games, this consultation period shall occur over an extended period of time when compared to previous consultation periods.

Second Drafting Phase (October 2024 – February 2024)

Similar to the first drafting phase, the second drafting phase shall consist of drafting teams considering, reviewing, and implementing stakeholder comments and feedback received to the Code and IS following this stakeholder consultation phase.

Third Consultation Phase (February – May 2025)

Following the conclusion of the second drafting phase, there will be a third consultation phase during which stakeholders will be invited to provide their input on the second drafts of each document¹.

Finalization and Presentation at Sixth World Conference on Doping in Sport

(June – December 2025)

Following the end of all stakeholder consultations and corresponding drafting phases, final versions of the Code and IS will be prepared (including French translations). The final versions will then be submitted for formal approval by the WADA Executive Committee and Foundation Board, before presentation at the Sixth World Conference on Doping in Sport to be held in Busan, Republic of Korea in December 2025.

¹ Please note that a revised version of the International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories (ISCCS) entered into effect on 1 April 2024 and was therefore not the subject of revision during this First Drafting Phase. This noted, the ISCCS is subject to revision during the Second Drafting Phase and will be available for consideration and review during the Third Consultation Phase.