

Template for comments and secretariat observations

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MB <sup>1</sup>	Clause No./ Subclause No./ Annex (e.g. 3.1)	Paragraph/ Figure/Table/ Note (e.g. Table 1)	Type of com- ment <sup>2</sup>	Comment (justification for change) by the MB	Proposed change by the MB	Secretariat observations on each comment submitted
US	All		ge	China participated actively in the multi-year development of the existing ISO 18185 e-seal standard, and voted in support of its approval and publication (in 2007). At that time, the Chinese Standardization Agency did not identify any needs or requirements that would not be met by the e-seal standard and the accompanying shipment tag standard (ISO 17363). The U.S. is not aware of any subsequent developments that indicate the emergence of a commercial demand for a reusable multi-functional e-seal with the characteristics and capabilities contemplated in the Chinese new work item proposal. Furthermore, ISO 18185 was developed with a view to having an RFID-based, automatic seal reading capability available in the event that a governmental body promulgates a seal verification rule. The U.S. Government has announced publicly that it is no longer pursuing a seal verification rule. No other government has announced intentions to introduce such a rule. Thus, the proposed reusable multi-functional e-seal would not seem to address any identified government security needs, requirements or objectives.		
US	All		ge	The U.S. does not believe that a demonstrated need or requirement exists for commencement of the development of an ISO standard as proposed by China.		

1 MB = Member body (enter the ISO 3166 two-letter country code, e.g. CN for China; comments from the ISO/CS editing unit are identified by \*\*)

2 Type of comment: ge = general te = technical ed = editorial

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