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**HIBCC SUPPLIER STANDARD FOR RFID**

**Now Available for Public Comment**

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA (February 12, 2009)** – The Health Industry Business Communications Council (HIBCC) Supplier Standard for RFID is available for review and public comment. The standard was listed in ANSI's February 6, 2009 issue of *Standards Action*.

HIBCC has developed this standard as a technical specification for coding the HIBCC data structure on items in the healthcare supply chain. The standard also provides guidance on how the HIBCC Supplier Labeling Standard is used in conjunction with other existing standards for RFID and Auto ID technologies.

The HIBCC approach for coding RFID tags leverages existing ratified standards under ISO. Any HIBCC labeler can use this guideline for coding RFID tags without incurring additional fees for a company or item identification, while still conforming to international standards. HIBCC, an ANSI-accredited standards development organization (SDO), will administer the process to formally develop an approved data standard.

Draft ANSI/HIBC 4.0 Radio-Frequency Identification can be accessed from [www.hibcc.org](http://www.hibcc.org). Comments should be directed to the HIBCC office at [info@hibcc.org](mailto:info@hibcc.org) with a copy sent to the ANSI Board of Standards Review. The public comment period will conclude March 23, 2009. Please contact the HIBCC office at (602) 381-1091 with any questions.

**About HIBCC:** *HIBCC is an industry-sponsored, ANSI-accredited standards development organization (SDO), established in 1984 by major national healthcare associations to develop and maintain information technology standards for healthcare applications. HIBCC provides standards for uniform product identification (bar coding, 2D, and RFID), as well as services for standardized customer identification, such as its Health Industry Number (HIN) System.*