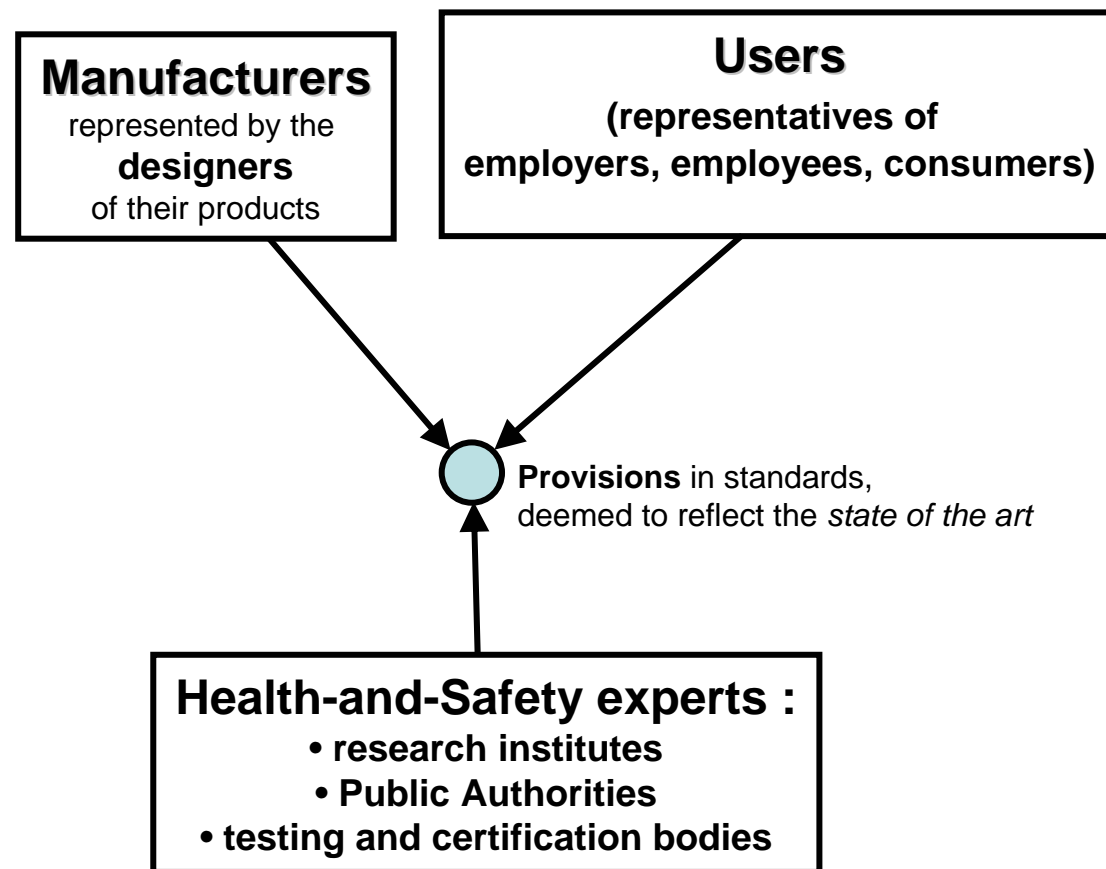


The three categories of partners (*interested parties*, also called *stakeholders*), whose views need to be harmonized by consensus in standardization under the "New Approach"



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- Each provision of a standard is the result of the *consensus* obtained, after due discussion at each stage of the elaboration of this standard, by the members of the working group in charge of this elaboration.
- In the general product standardization process (e.g. dimensional standardization of mechanical components), only two *interested parties* need to be represented in the working group : the *manufacturer* (or *designer*) and the *users* of the product.
- For standards prepared under the New Approach, which need to provide the users with the highest possible level of safety according to the state of the art, a third party needs to be involved in the discussion aimed at reaching consensus : the *health-and-safety experts*, who may be :
  - collaborators of research institutes,
  - representatives of the Public Authorities in charge of health-and-safety legislation and
  - collaborators of testing and certification bodies, who "feed" the discussion with their practical knowledge of the products (machinery, personal protective equipment, etc.).