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AWS STANDARDS USERS CAUTIONED ABOUT UNAUTHORIZED TRANSLATIONS

Miami, FL, April 2, 2008 – The [American Welding Society](http://www.aws.org) (AWS), the world's largest organization dedicated to advancing the science, technology and application of welding, today issued a caution about the use of unauthorized translations of AWS standards and other AWS publications in Chinese, Spanish and other languages.

Because AWS has not sanctioned these translations, AWS cannot attest to their accuracy. Users of AWS standards should be aware that serious technical errors may exist in unauthorized translated material. Currently, AWS has authorized only the translation of AWS D1.1/D1.1M:2004 and 2006 *Structural Welding Code – Steel* into Japanese.

To report unauthorized translations, please call AWS Technical Services at 800-443-9353, or email adavis@aws.org.

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About AWS

The American Welding Society (AWS) was founded in 1919 as a multifaceted, nonprofit organization with a mission to advance the science, technology and application of welding and allied joining and cutting processes, including brazing, soldering, and thermal spraying. Headquartered in Miami, Florida, and led by a volunteer organization of officers and directors, AWS serves more than 50,000 members worldwide and is composed of 22 districts with 250 sections and student chapters. For more information, visit the Society's website at <http://www.aws.org> and click on "pressroom."

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