

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**  
**GHANA STANDARDS AUTHORITY**  
**AND**  
**THE AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE**

The Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI):

Recognizing the desirability of the global use of international standards;

Committed to ensuring that their national standards and their application facilitate international trade, address the protection of environment, health, and safety, and support consumer confidence;

Pledging to facilitate cooperation between GSA and ANSI to that end;

Hereby endorse the following articles of this MOU concerning matters covering standardization, conformity assessment and the mutual exchange of information and publications between the respective organizations.

**Article 1**

GSA and ANSI agree to:

- (1) exchange views on the activity, operations and program of work of various international and regional standardization and conformity assessment organizations, including but not limited to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), the Pan American Standards Congress (COPANT) and Pacific Area Standards Congress (PASC)];
- (2) Share each other's views and, where feasible, work to develop mutually supportive positions relating to those organizations.

**Article 2**

GSA and ANSI agree to:

- (1) facilitate dialogue among Ghana and US experts in various areas of standardization and conformity assessment as determined by special arrangements between the parties;
- (2) encourage identified counterpart groups in standards development in the US and GSA for the purpose of establishing bilateral relationships, including mutual exchange of information and materials, trade shows/exhibits, and possible joint business ventures, to stimulate industry-to-industry cooperation as a building block to international standardization and free trade;
- (3) arrange exchange of visits of the senior management of GSA and ANSI; and
- (4) explore organizing and sponsoring conferences, workshops, technical symposia on standardization and conformity assessment subjects of mutual interest.

### **Article 3**

GSA and ANSI agree to:

- (1) facilitate dialogue and cooperation among Ghana and US experts in the trade, industry and agric-business sector, on standardization and conformity assessment issues; and
- (2) explore organizing and sponsoring conferences, workshops, technical symposia on trade & industry standardization and conformity assessment subjects of mutual interest. The specific format of cooperation and funding terms will be decided separately by the parties.

### **Article 4**

GSA and ANSI agree to exchange, using all appropriate media:

- (1) current catalogues of their national standards and procedures published by the respective organizations;
- (2) general information and publications on conformity assessment (including certification, suppliers declaration and accreditation) and quality assurance published by the respective organizations;
- (3) general materials for training courses on standardization, conformity assessment and quality assurance developed and published by the respective organizations; and
- (4) Periodical publications and other relevant information published by the respective organizations. Further to this item, GSA is given ANSI's permission to translate and reprint free of charge any articles published in ANSI online news at [www.ansi.org/news](http://www.ansi.org/news).

### **Article 5**

Any issues arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MOU will be settled through consultations between GSA and ANSI or such other means as they may mutually decide.

### **Article 6**

- (1) This MOU can be amended by the written agreement of both parties.
- (2) This MOU is valid until terminated. Either Party may terminate this MOU by providing the other party with a written notice at least six months in advance.
- (3) Notice to terminate or amend the MOU shall not retroactively change the terms of any existing project or program being undertaken by the parties for the specific term of the project or program without consent of both parties.

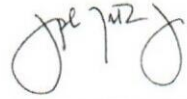
Signed in Accra and Washington D.C. on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2025, in duplicate in the English language.

**FOR THE GHANA STANDARDS AUTHORITY**



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