

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE(ANSI)
AND
THE CERTIFICATION AND ACCREDITATION ADMINISTRATION
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (CNCA)

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI), serving as the national coordinating institution for conformity assessment and related activities in the United States, and

The Certification and Accreditation Administration of the People's Republic of China (CNCA), within its role undertaking the unified management, supervision and coordination of certification and accreditation activities in China;

Recognizing the desirability of the global use of international standards and important role of conformity assessment for achieving high levels of health, safety, environmental and consumer protection;

Committed to ensuring that their national standards and their application, including conformity assessment activities, facilitate fair international trade, economic growth, and innovation;

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

Hereby endorse the following articles of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) concerning matters covering conformity assessment and related activities, and the mutual open exchange of nonproprietary information.

Article 1
Areas of Cooperation

ANSI and CNCA agree to:

international and regional conformity assessment and standardization organizations, including but not limited to the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), International Organization for Standardization (ISO), and the ISO Committee on Conformity Assessment (CASCO);

(2) strengthen U.S.-China cooperation in the area of conformity assessment, including the efforts to promote greater understanding of the U.S. and Chinese systems and procedures;

(3) share each other's views and, where feasible, provide for the cooperative, open exchange of nonproprietary technical and regulatory information, technical assistance, and relevant research activities in the field of conformity assessment.

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Means of Cooperation

ANSI and CNCA agree to:

(1) facilitate dialogue and research among U.S. and Chinese experts in various areas of conformity assessment as determined by special arrangements between the parties;

(2) encourage conformity assessment bodies in both countries to identify their counterpart groups for the purpose of establishing bilateral relationships, including mutual exchange of information and materials, to stimulate industry-to-industry cooperation as a building block to international standardization and free trade;

(3) organize senior- and working-level meetings, including but not limited to the exchange of visits and communication between senior management of ANSI and CNCA, private sector industry leaders, and experts in specific technical areas;

(4) explore organizing and supporting seminars, conferences, research exchanges, webinars, or workshops of mutual interest. Whenever appropriate, both parties are committed to update the organizations' respective constituents

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consumers, etc.) on the latest developments related to conformity assessment in the U.S. and China;

(5) develop action plans of cooperative projects and conduct regular review of the progress of such action plans; and

(6) identify and develop additional means of cooperation.

Article 3

Cooperation Projects

(1) Pursuits of cooperative activities under this MOU are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and resources to each of the Parties. Funds will not be transferred between the Parties pursuant to this MOU.

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

Article 4

Limitation and Confidentiality of Information

(1) Cooperative activities undertaken under this Memorandum, including the exchange of information, are subject to the applicable laws, regulations, policies and procedures applicable to each of the Parties.

(2) When a Party provides information to the other Party under this Memorandum, the other Party shall not disclose it to any third party unless the previous Party agrees otherwise in writing.

Article 5

Validity

(1) This MOU can be amended by the written agreement of both parties.

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 Beijing on 18 August 2021, in duplicate in English and Chinese.

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