

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE STANDARDIZATION ADMINISTRATION OF CHINA**  
**AND**  
**THE AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE**

The Standardization Administration of China (SAC) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI):

Recognizing the desirability of the global use of international standards, and mutual interest toward standardization cooperation in various fields;

Committed to ensuring that their national standards and their application facilitate international trade, uphold applicable rules under the World Trade Organization's Technical Barrier to Trade Agreement, promote technical innovation, and support sustainable development;

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

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

**Article 1**

SAC and ANSI agree to:

- (1) exchange views on the activity, operations and program of work of various international and regional standardization organizations, including but not limited to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), the Pacific Area Standards Congress (PASC), and Pan American Standards Congress (COPANT) as appropriate;
- (2) share each other's views and, where feasible, work to develop mutually supportive positions relating to those organizations; and
- (3) hold regular, bilateral meetings on the sidelines of such meetings to allow for this coordination.

**Article 2**

SAC and ANSI agree to:

- (1) facilitate dialogue among Chinese and US experts in various areas of standardization as determined by special arrangements between the parties;
- (2) encourage standards organizations in their countries to identify their counterpart groups 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) agree to facilitate cooperation between ANSI and ANSI-accredited standards developers and SAC and corresponding standardization organizations in China to promote the mutual recognition of standards.
- (4) an exchange of visits on a yearly basis, or as schedules allow, by SAC and ANSI senior management; and
- (5) to developing action plans of cooperative projects at such meetings, and to regularly reviewing the progress of such action plans;
- (6) explore organizing and sponsoring conferences, trainings, research exchanges, workshops, technical symposia on standardization subjects of mutual interest;
- (7) leveraging the bilateral relationship to serve as a platform for disseminating updates, providing comments, and promoting Sino-U.S. dialogue on standards-related policies under the purview of ANSI and SAC with a view toward their mutually beneficial implementation; and
- (8) promoting greater understanding of the U.S. and Chinese standards systems by Chinese and U.S. stakeholders, especially in light of new policies and reforms. In particular, ANSI and SAC commit to updating the relevant pages of the StandardsPortal ([www.standardsportal.org](http://www.standardsportal.org)). Other available tools for promoting mutual understanding include the ANSI in China newsletter.

#### **(9) Article 3**

SAC 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 materials for training courses on standardization developed and published by the respective organizations; and
- (3) periodical publications and other relevant information published by the respective organizations. Further to this item, ANSI grants SAC permission to translate and reprint free of charge any articles published in ANSI Online news ([www.ansi.org/news](http://www.ansi.org/news)). SAC also grants ANSI permission to translate and reprint free of charge any articles published in SAC Online news ([www.sac.gov.cn/xw/bzhxw/](http://www.sac.gov.cn/xw/bzhxw/)).

#### **Article 4**

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

#### **Article 5**

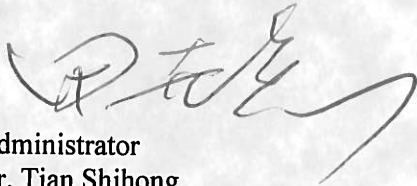
- (1) This MOU can be amended by the written agreement of both parties.
- (2) This agreement shall not bring any legal obligations or responsibilities to either party. If any issue concerning legal obligations or responsibilities arises, the two parties may reach further agreements.

- (3) Upon signature, this agreement will remain in force for five (5) years, and, with further confirmation, it will continue to be effective for subsequent five (5) years. Either party may terminate the agreement by notifying the other party in writing three months before it expires.
- (4) 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.
- (5) ANSI and SAC will assign a contact person of their organizations, who will be in charge of keeping contact with each other and, when necessary, organizing related meetings:

SAC: International Cooperation Department  
ANSI: International Policy Department

Signed in Washington, DC on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017, in duplicate in the English and Chinese language.

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