

ANSI

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE
AND
STANDARDS COUNCIL OF CANADA**

WHEREAS the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) are representing their own nations as members of the ISO and IEC, and are desirous of working in close harmony to exchange information and to develop common standards and common accreditation criteria, and

WHEREAS ANSI and SCC both serve in their respective nations as coordinators of voluntary standards, and SCC as Manager of the National Standards System, and accreditors of certification and testing organizations, and

WHEREAS the parties desire increased cooperation and coordination, where appropriate, in the various international activities of ISO, IEC, as well as in regional activities of CEN, CENELEC, PASC, COPANT and other organizations, and

WHEREAS both parties are concerned with how best to implement the applicable provisions of the U.S. - Canada, *Free Trade Agreement* in the private sector standards community.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ANSI AND SCC MUTUALLY AGREE TO WORK TOGETHER AS FOLLOWS:

FIRST in the area of accreditation of standards writing organizations, both parties should exchange and, insofar as possible, harmonize their procedures and activities, in order to improve efficiency and work toward an internationally acceptable accreditation system.

SECOND, in the area of accreditation of certification and testing organizations, both parties should exchange and, insofar as possible, harmonize their procedures and activities, in order to improve efficiency and work toward an internationally acceptable accreditation system.

THIRD, to study and review how the U.S. and CANADIAN systems can develop common standards in all appropriate areas through the proposed "bi-national" committees for standards development.

FOURTH, where appropriate, to coordinate activities with respect to mutually acceptable positions in ISO and IEC administrative, procedural and technical areas.

FIFTH, where appropriate, to coordinate activities with regard to the important work being done by the ISO/CASCO committee concerning conformity assessment, certification, testing and quality management systems.

SIXTH, where appropriate, to coordinate activities and programs with the Pacific Rim nations, specifically through PASC.

SEVENTH, to exchange information and coordinate programs and, where appropriate, to hold special joint conferences concerning consumer products and services, standards, testing and certification programs.

EIGHTH, where appropriate, to exchange information and to coordinate activities concerning the GATT Code.

NINTH, to study and review how best to implement the objectives of the U.S. - Canada *Free Trade Agreement* in the private sector standards community.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force upon signature and may be amended at any time as agreed upon by both parties. It shall continue to remain in force until revoked by one or the other party upon one year written notice.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall not be construed so as to exclude either parties from entering into similar agreements with other parties.

Attested to at the date of each signature.

AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE



MANUEL PERALTA
PRESIDENT

11 Oct 91

Date

STANDARDS COUNCIL OF CANADA



JOHN R. WOODS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

9.1.10.11

Date

Annex A to the MOU between ANSI and SCC

In October 1991, ANSI and SCC entered into an MOU and agreed to cooperate in a number of areas including accreditation. The second item reads:

“...in the area of accreditation of certification and testing organizations, both parties should exchange and, insofar as possible, harmonize their procedures and activities, in order to improve efficiency and work towards an internationally acceptable accreditation system.”

Whereas ANSI and SCC are participants in regional and international conformity assessment organizations including the IAF, IAAC and PAC, our accreditation systems meet the same requirements. Past cooperation in conducting assessments has also increased the confidence in our respective programs. Accordingly, in implementing the MOU, ANSI and SCC are committed to:

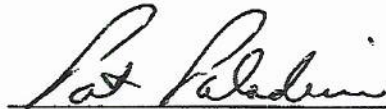
1. Implementing the Cross-Frontier Policy of the IAF
2. Conducting joint assessments of common clients
3. Recognition of Witness Assessment results where appropriate

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