



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

The Standards Council of Canada (SCC) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI):

- Recognizing the desirability of the global use of international standards;
- Committed to ensuring that their national standards do not present technical barriers to trade, especially within the framework of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and to ensuring their application to facilitate international trade;
- Pledging to facilitate cooperation between SCC and ANSI to that end;

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

**Article 1**

SCC 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 Commission (COPANT), and the Pacific Area Standards Congress (PASC);
- (2) share each other's views and, where feasible, work to develop mutually supportive positions relating to those organizations;
- (3) exchange information and consider joint initiatives in the areas of standards or conformity assessment to support the Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC), as appropriate, to better align Canada – US regulatory systems and boost North American trade and competitiveness generating a range of benefits for manufacturers, retailers and consumers; and
- (4) encourage timely and effective communication between both parties and designate one individual each as their representative for this MOU, and apprise the other party if their representative changes.

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## **Article 2**

SCC and ANSI agree to:

- (1) facilitate dialogue among Canadian and US experts in various areas of standardization and conformity assessment, 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) arrange exchange of visits twice per year of the senior management of SCC and ANSI;
- (4) explore organizing and sponsoring conferences, workshops, technical symposia on standardization and conformity assessment subjects of mutual interest; and
- (5) promote standardization to facilitate the exchange of goods and services, improve market access and serving as the most efficient method to harmonize and align evolving cross-border requirements.

## **Article 3**

SCC and ANSI agree to the 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, SCC is given ANSI's permission to translate and reprint free of charge any articles in any edition of the ANSI Reporter.

## **Article 4**

SCC and ANSI agree that any information derived from cooperative activities under this MOU shall not be unilaterally disclosed for commercial or industrial purposes without the consent of both parties.



**Article 5**

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

**Article 6**

- (1) This MOU can be amended by the written agreement of both parties.
- (2) 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.

**Article 7**

The agreement is written in English. This MOU shall enter into force upon signature, and shall remain in force for a three-year period. It may be extended for further three-year periods by the express consent of both parties.

Signed in Cancun, Mexico on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, in duplicate in the English and French languages, both texts being equally authentic.

**FOR THE STANDARDS COUNCIL OF CANADA**

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