

AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION
between
the American National Standards Institute
and
the Korean Agency for Technology and Standards

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and Korean Agency for Technology and Standards (KATS) hereby endorse the following articles of agreement concerning matters covering standardization, conformity assessment, and the mutual exchange of information and publications between the respective organizations. ANSI and KATS are members of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) for their countries.

ARTICLE I

ANSI and KATS:

1. recognize the desirability of the global use of international standards.
2. are committed to ensuring their national standards facilitate international trade, and pledge to facilitate cooperation between ANSI and KATS to that end.

ARTICLE II

ANSI and KATS agree to exchange views periodically on the activity and 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), and the Pacific Area Standards Congress (PASC).

ARTICLE III

ANSI and KATS agree to:

1. facilitate dialogue among USA and Korean experts in various areas of standardization, conformity assessment and quality assurance 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 bi-lateral 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 visits of the senior management of ANSI and KATS.

4. explore the possibility of organizing and sponsoring conferences, workshops and technical symposia on standardization and conformity assessment subjects of mutual interest (for example, standards as tools for trade and harmonization of conformity assessment requirements).

ARTICLE IV

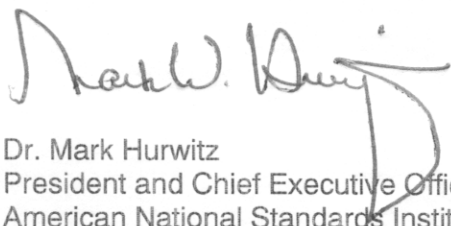
ANSI and KATS agree to exchange, using all appropriate media:

1. their current catalogues of their national standards and procedures published by the respective organizations.
2. general information and publications concerning 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.
4. periodical publications and other relevant information published by the respective organizations. Further to this item, KATS is given ANSI's permission to translate and reprint free any article in any and all editions of the ANSI Reporter.

ARTICLE V

These articles of agreement shall enter into force upon signature, and they may be amended at any time as agreed upon between both parties.

SIGNATORIES TO THIS AGREEMENT



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