USTDA Standards Activities 2005-06

Private sector-USG collaboration to share U.S. and international approaches in standards development:

• U.S.-China Standards and Conformity Assessment Cooperation Program
• LAC Professional Engineering Education Standards
• Afghanistan Standards Development
• Vietnam Standards Orientation Visit
Our Mission

- Advance economic development and U.S. commercial interests in developing and middle-income countries.

- Support the development of a modern infrastructure and fair and open trading environment.
Trade Policy and Capacity Initiatives

USTDA activities help to advance U.S. trade policy goals.

Areas of assistance include:
- WTO compliance
- FTA, trade agreement support
- Trade facilitation
- Standards development
- Industry sector promotion
- Improved IPR practices

On May 25, 2006, USTDA signed a grant with China’s General Administration of Customs (GAC) for a program to assist GAC officials in identifying goods which violate IPR protections.

Technical symposia, training, trade and industry advisors, orientation visits
U.S.-China Standards and Conformity Assessment Cooperation Program

Patterned on successful Private-Public Cooperation Model in Aviation sector

USTDA grant ($500,000) matched by industry contributions

Technical workshops and outreach activities in China (up to 25)

Build acceptance of U.S. and internationally accepted Standards and CA practices

Lead Chinese parties: CNCA, SAC (AQSIQ) and industry associations

NEMA is program manager, coordinates industry participation.

On May 23, 2006, USTDA signed a grant with the American Chamber of Commerce in China for the U.S.-China Standards and Conformity Assessment Cooperation Program.
Afghanistan Standards Development

- USTDA Technical Assistance grant ($565K) to Ministry of Commerce
- Development of standards and metrology law, regulations, and enforcement and compliance mechanisms
- Earlier TA grant on Building Codes Standards
Vietnam Standards Development

- Study tour for STAMEQ and legislators preparing Vietnam’s new standards law (March 2006)
- Focus on USG role and U.S. private sector-led consensus approach – meetings with ASTM, ANSI, UL, NIST
- Follow-on assistance requests
USTDA has also supported standards-related activities in several different countries, including Brazil, Russia, Thailand and Mexico.

These activities include a variety of industry sectors including transportation, emergency response, consumer electronics, construction and many others.
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