U.S.-Colombia Conference on Technical Barriers to Trade

Focus: Implementing the Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption, and Application of Standards

Bogota, Colombia

May 12-13, 2015

**Day One**

8:30

**Opening Remarks**
- ANSI
- Colombia

9:00 – 9:30

**Overview of the WTO Technical Barriers to Trade Agreement and Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards**
- USTR
- Colombia

**Session 1: Participation in Relevant International Standardization Bodies**

9:30 – 9:50

**Introduction: Clauses F and G of the Code**

*20 minute panel or presentation*
- U.S. speaker
- Colombia speaker

9:50 – 10:45

**U.S. and Colombian Experience in participating in ISO/IEC**

*20-minute presentations and 15 minutes discussion to discuss and compare participation, and possible twinning/other cooperation*
- U.S. speaker
- Colombia speaker

10:45 – 11:00

**Coffee/Tea Break**

11:00 – 11:55

**U.S. and Colombian Experience in participating in Codex**

*20-minute presentations and 15 minutes discussion to discuss and compare participation, and possible twinning/other cooperation*
- U.S. speaker
- Colombia speaker

11:55 – 12:45

**U.S. and Colombian Experience in other international standards organizations**

*20-minute presentations and 15 minutes discussion to discuss and compare participation, and possible twinning/other cooperation*
- U.S. speaker
- Colombia speaker
12:45 – 13:45 Lunch

13:45 – 15:45 **Session 2: Avoiding Duplication and Achieving Consensus in Standardization**
*Panel of 3-4 experts, 20-minute presentations followed by facilitated discussion with all participants*
  - ANSI Essential Requirements and ANSI International Procedures
  - Examples from standards developers
  - Colombia perspective

15:45 – 16:00 Coffee/Tea Break

16:00 – 17:00 **Session 3: Aiming for the Development of Performance Standards**
*2 20-minute presentations and 20 minutes discussion*
  - U.S. implementation – decision made through consensus process
  - Colombia implementation

17:00 – 17:30 Day One Wrap-up

**Day Two**

8:45 Welcome/opening

9:00 – 10:00 **Session 4: Work Programs for Standards**
*2 20-minute presentations and 20 minutes discussion*
  - U.S. implementation – Standards Action
  - Colombia implementation

10:00 – 10:15 Coffee/Tea Break

10:15 – 11:30 **Session 5: Public Review and Accepting Comments on Standards from other WTO Members**
*2 30-minute presentations and 15 minutes discussion*
  - U.S. implementation – Standards Action, notification and comment periods, due process for complaints
  - Colombia implementation

11:30 – 12:45 **Consultations on the Operation of the Code of Good Practice**
*Moderated panel discussion*
  - Case studies
  - Discussion on areas for improvement
  - Alternatives to ISONET
  - Next steps for promoting implementation in U.S. and Colombia

12:45 – 13:00 Closing Remarks