

**AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION**  
**between**  
**the American National Standards Institute**  
**and**  
**the Standardization Administration of China**

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

**ARTICLE I**

ANSI and SAC:

1. recognize the desirability of the global use of international standards.
2. are committed to forbidding their national standards from becoming technical barriers to trade, and pledge to facilitate cooperation between ANSI and SAC to that end.

**ARTICLE II**

ANSI and SAC agree to periodically exchange views on the activity and operations of various international and regional standardization organizations such as the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), and the Pacific Area Standards Congress (PASC).

**ARTICLE III**

ANSI and SAC agree to:

1. arrange for the exchange of and dialogue among USA and Chinese experts in various areas of standardization as mutually 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 joint publication of standards, to stimulate industry-to-industry cooperation as a building block to international standardization and free trade.
3. arrange for exchange visits or meetings of the senior management of ANSI and SAC.
4. explore the possibility of organizing and sponsoring conferences, workshops and technical symposia on standardization subjects of mutual interest (for example, standards as tools for trade).

**ARTICLE IV**


ANSI and SAC agree to exchange, in paper or electronic forms, including via websites:

1. their current catalogues of their national standards, copies of individual national standards, and procedures published by the respective organizations.
2. materials for training courses on standardization developed and published by the respective organizations.
3. periodical publications and other relevant information published by the respective organizations. Further to this item, SAC is given ANSI's permission to translate and reprint 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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