



SUMMARY OF STAKEHOLDERS' TOPICS OF INTEREST

U.S.–India Standards and Conformance Cooperation Program (SCCP)

Current as of July 1, 2009

The **U.S.-India Standards and Conformance Cooperation Program (SCCP)** is a comprehensive initiative designed to facilitate interaction and engagement between representatives from industry and government in the United States and India. It is carried out with funding from the United States Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) by ANSI and the Indian grantee, the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), in close cooperation with the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). Detailed information about the program can be found at: www.StandardsPortal.org/us-indiasccp. Among its features, the SCCP is one mechanism for implementing the commitments made by ANSI, CII, and BIS in a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding signed by the three organizations in December 2007 ([click here](#) for more information).

In order to monitor progress towards the ultimate goal of facilitating indo-U.S. trade, this document aims to track specific standards and conformance related issues raised by stakeholders in the U.S. and India, and where applicable, provide information on steps being taken to address these issues

Individuals, companies, or organizations with new issues to raise are encouraged to contact either CII or ANSI.

INDIA

TOPIC OF INTEREST	STEPS TAKEN
Challenges encountered in obtaining FDA approval for food products exported to the U.S. (reported by: CII)	Apr 2008 – CII brought issue to ANSI's attention and sought input on how to address. May 2008 – ANSI advised CII to request information on U.S. regulatory requirements for selected products through WTO and SPS Enquiry Point, and provided sample text.
FM Approvals and third-party certification: Although UL has accredited Indian facility in Kolkata – an STQC lab – this is not accepted by FM in USA. For this reason, the Electronic instrument manufacturers are not benefited. (reported by: CII)	Feb 2009 – Concern raised at SCCP Launch Ceremony and Industry Roundtable in New Delhi regarding acceptance of test results toward FM Approval certification. Mar 2009 – ANSI requested follow-up contact from stakeholder with additional information.

UNITED STATES

TOPIC OF INTEREST	STEPS TAKEN
Request better understanding of the efforts to facilitate development of draft standards on water equipments in India. (reported by: ANSI)	Apr 2009 – ANSI proposed a joint ANSI-CII videoconference with UL and other Indian and U.S. stakeholders to share information on developments in India and the U.S. June 2009 – ANSI and CII, together with BIS jointly hosted a videoconference in which relevant organizations in the U.S. and India provided overviews of their activities.