

**ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND ENERGY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
AND
THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF QUALITY SUPERVISION,
INSPECTION AND QUARANTINE
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
FOR
COOPERATION RELATING TO
STANDARDIZATION AND CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT**

The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Energy (MOCIE) of the Republic of Korea and the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) of the People's Republic of China, hereinafter referred to as "the Sides";

DESIRING to promote mutual interests through cooperation in the fields of standardization and conformity assessment on the basis of equality and mutual benefit; and

RECOGNIZING that such cooperation will promote economic cooperation and strengthen the friendly relationship between the two countries;

Have reached the following arrangement:

Paragraph 1

The Sides will support cooperation in the fields of standardization and conformity assessment on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, in accordance with the provisions of this Arrangement and the laws and regulations of their respective countries.

Paragraph 2

Cooperation under this Arrangement may include the following:

- (a) exchange of technical data, information and experience relating to standardization and conformity assessment;
- (b) cooperative programs and projects of mutual benefit including long-term or short-term visits and exchanges of scientists and other experts in the fields of standardization and conformity assessment;
- (c) organization of and participation in conferences, symposia, workshops, exhibitions and other joint meetings relating to standardization and conformity assessment;

- (d) mutual cooperation in projects and activities conducted in cooperation with international and regional organizations relating to standardization and conformity assessment;
- (e) operation of joint training/education programs to raise competency in standardization and conformity assessment;
- (f) cooperation in the matters related to technical barriers to trade which are within the capacity of the Sides; and
- (g) other forms of cooperation as agreed by the Sides.

Paragraph 3

1. Cooperative activities under this Arrangement will be subject to the availability of funds and personnel. The terms of financing will be decided upon in writing by the Sides before the commencement of activities.
2. Whenever an activity other than the exchange of technical information is planned to take place, such activity shall be described in a Project Annex to this Arrangement which shall set forth, as appropriate to the activity, a work plan, staffing requirement, cost estimates, funding source, and other undertakings, obligations, or conditions not included in this Arrangement.

Paragraph 4

1. The Sides will promote the exchange of information on mutual interests.
2. The Sides will consult with each other before any information derived from cooperative activities under this Arrangement is disclosed for commercial or industrial purposes.

Paragraph 5

1. In order to ensure the effective implementation of this Arrangement, the Sides will establish a Joint Committee on Standardization and Conformity Assessment (hereinafter referred to as the "JCSC")
2. The JCSC will be co-chaired by Vice Ministers in charge of the Sides, and will be composed of the representatives of Industrial Standards & Quality Division, Korea-China Economic Cooperation Planning Team, the Department of Basic Technology and Standards, the Bureau of Conformity Assessment for MOCIE Side, and the representatives of Department of International Cooperation, Department of supervision on inspection, Standardization Administration of the People's Republic of China (SAC) and Certification Accreditation Administration of the People's Republic of China (CNCA) for AQSIQ side.
3. The JCSC will discuss all mutually determined issues for cooperation in the fields of standardization and

conformity assessment. Such issues may include but are not limited to:

- (a) monitoring the interpretation or implementation of this Arrangement;
 - (b) establishing additional sub-committees as deemed necessary and determining the scope of action and mandate of such sub-committees; and
 - (c) considering and resolving any specific matter relating to standardization and conformity assessment which arises from the discussions of the sub-committees.
4. In order to assure appropriate operation of the JCSC and to facilitate communication between the Sides, each Side will designate the following as the co-secretary of the JCSC;
- (a) in the case of MOCIE, the Director of the Korea-China Economic Cooperation Planning Team, or its successor; and
 - (b) in the case of AQSIQ, the Director of Bilateral Cooperation Division, or its successor.
5. The JCSC will meet at least once a year alternately in the Republic of Korea and the People's Republic of China, on a mutually agreeable date.

Paragraph 6

1. In accordance with paragraph 5(3)(b), the Sides will establish a Sub-Committee on Standardization (hereinafter referred to as the "Standardization SC").
2. The Standardization SC will be co-chaired by following senior officers from the Sides and will be composed of representatives appointed by each Side.
 - (a) in the case of MOCIE, the Director-General of the Department of Basic Technology and Standards of the Korean Agency for Technology and Standards (KATS), or its successor; and
 - (b) in the case of AQSIQ, the Vice Administrator of the Standardization Administration of the People's Republic of China (SAC), or its successor.
3. The Standardization SC will discuss mutually determined issues for cooperation in the field of standardization that fall within the scope of Paragraph 2.
4. In order to assure appropriate operation of the Standardization SC and to facilitate communication between the Sides, each Side will designate the following as co-secretary of the Standardization SC;
 - (a) in the case of MOCIE, the Director of the International Standards Division of the KATS, or its successor; and

(b) in the case of AQSIQ, the Director-General of Department of International Standards of the SAC, or its successor.

5. The Standardization SC will meet at least once a year alternately in the Republic of Korea and the People's Republic of China, on a mutually agreeable date.

Paragraph 7

1. In accordance with Paragraph 5(3)(b), the Side will establish a Sub-Committee on Conformity Assessment (hereinafter referred to as the "Conformity SC").

2. The Conformity SC will be co-chaired by following senior officers from the Sides and will be composed of representatives who are appointed by each Side.

(a) in the case of MOCIE, Director-General of the Conformity Assessment Bureau of the Korean Agency for Technology and Standards (KATS), or its successor; and

(b) in the case of AQSIQ, Vice Administrator of the Certification Accreditation Administration of the People's Republic of China (CNCA) or its successor.

3. The Conformity SC will discuss mutually determined issues for the cooperation in the field of conformity assessment that fall in the scope of Paragraph 2.

4. In order to assure appropriate operation of the Conformity SC and to facilitate communication between the Sides, each Side will designate the following as co-secretary of the Conformity SC;

(a) in the case of MOCIE, the Director of the Product Safety Division of the KATS, or its successor; and

(b) in the case of AQSIQ, the Director of International Cooperation and Communication Division of the CNCA, or its successor.

5. The Conformity SC will meet at least once a year, alternately in the Republic of Korea and in the People's Republic of China, on a mutually agreeable date.

Paragraph 8

1. This Arrangement will come into effect upon signature by both Sides.

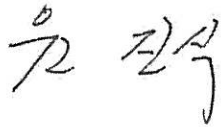
2. This Arrangement will remain in effect for a period of five 5 years and continue in effect thereafter for successive periods of five 5 years. At any time, either Side may notify the other Side in writing, ninety 90 days in advance, of its intention to terminate this Arrangement.

3. The provisions of this Arrangement may be amended and supplemented by mutual written consent of the Sides.

4. The termination of this Arrangement will not affect the validity or duration of activities under this Arrangement that are initiated prior to such termination.

Signed in duplicate at Beijing, July 7, 2003, in the Korean, Chinese and English languages, all texts shall be equally authentic. In case of differences of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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