



**Implementation Plan  
for Korea-US Standards Dialogue**

**between**

**American National Standards Institute (ANSI)  
of the United States of America**

**and**

**Korean Agency for Technology and Standards (KATS)  
of the Republic of Korea**

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) of the United States of America and Korean Agency for Technology and Standards (KATS) of the Republic of Korea, hereinafter referred to as "the Sides", in the context of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Sides in 2005 and:

- desiring to promote mutual interests through cooperation in the field of standardization and conformity assessment on the basis of equality and benefit,
- establishing more firm and continuous dialogue platform by means of sharing knowledge and good practices on building standardization strategy and discussing the global standardization issues,
- recognizing that such Standards Dialogue will promote economic cooperation, facilitate trade and support the friendly relations between two countries,

have reached the following understanding:

**Paragraph 1**

The Sides will establish the Korea-US Standards Dialogue (hereinafter referred to as "S-dialogue") in order to facilitate the cooperation between the two countries in the field of standardization and conformity assessment on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, in accordance with the provisions of this Implementation Plan.

**Paragraph 2**

The S-dialogue will be carried out in areas that are of great interest to the Sides, with the primary objectives being as listed below:

- a) Sharing and exchanging standardization strategies and policy between two countries;
- b) Identifying, and when applicable, agreeing on technology areas, fields, or items for reciprocal standards cooperation;
- c) Discovering, and when applicable, agreeing on joint research/study in order to contribute to international standardization such as those in ISO, IEC and other standards development activities;
- d) Initiating and possibly finding opportunities for cooperation in various ways including

- personnel exchange and joint training/education programs; and
- e) Further aspects of cooperation as mutually agreed by the Sides in writing.

### **Paragraph 3**

In order to organize the S-dialogue activities proposed in paragraph 2, the Sides will agree on a yearly programme including an S-dialogue annual meeting and associated side events. If necessary, side events in the format of forum, workshop, and working group meetings may be held along with the annual meeting. Meetings and side events of the S-dialogue will be organized by the host Sides of each year. The scope and extent of the Sides' contributions specific to the respective meeting or side event will be agreed upon and be subject to a separate written agreement for each respective meeting/event.

### **Paragraph 4**

All commitments made in this Implementation Plan are subject to the availability of funds and each Side's budget priorities. This Implementation Plan is not meant to obligate funds. Unless otherwise agreed in writing in advance, each Side will bear its own costs incurred in carrying out the cooperation activities under this Implementation Plan.

### **Paragraph 5**

Any information developed jointly by the Sides under this Implementation Plan with the intent that it remain confidential should not be unilaterally disclosed to third parties without the prior written consent of the other Side. Each Side will maintain the confidentiality of all received documents and information, unless otherwise required by judicial or legislative authority to which the respective Side is subject.

The confidentiality obligation shall continue for one year after the termination of this Agreement.

### **Paragraph 6**

A partial revision of this Implementation Plan may be done with the consent of the Sides at any time in writing and shall be signed by duly authorized representatives of the Sides. Any issues arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Implementation Plan will be settled through consultation between the Sides.

### **Paragraph 7**

This Implementation Plan will come into effect on the date of its signing by the Sides. It will remain in effect for five years from the date of signing and will automatically be extended for successive five years periods unless otherwise amended or terminated. This Implementation Plan may be terminated at any time by any Side by giving at least six months' prior notice to the other Sides.

### **Paragraph 8**

Except Paragraph 4, 5, 6 and 8 this Implementation Plan is not legally binding, it does not constitute any rights or legal obligations, nor is it its purpose. All activities hereunder are carried out voluntarily. This Implementation Plan does not affect the rights and obligations of the Sides acquired under any agreements or memorandums in which the Sides are involved.

Nothing contained in this Implementation Plan shall be construed or applied to create an agency,

partnership, joint venture, or any other form of legal association between any of the Sides.

Neither Side shall assign its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Sides.

Signed in duplicate on the 1<sup>st</sup>(EST) / 2<sup>st</sup>(KST) of December, 2021, in English language.

For ANSI:

For KATS:



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