

COOPERATION ARRANGEMENT
BETWEEN THE
KOREAN AGENCY FOR TECHNOLOGY AND STANDARDS
AND THE
STANDARDS COUNCIL OF CANADA

The Korean Agency for Technology and Standards (hereinafter “KATS”) and the Standards Council of Canada (hereinafter “SCC”), hereinafter jointly referred to as “the Participants”;

RECOGNIZE the goal of strengthening the global use of international standards;

COMMIT to ensure that their national standards do not create technical barriers to trade in order to facilitate international trade, especially within the framework of the Korea-Canada Free Trade Agreement (KCFTA); and

COMMIT to promote standardization and facilitate the exchange of goods and services, improving market access, and promoting standards and conformity assessment which can be used by the private sectors and governments of the region, thereby providing the most efficient way of harmonizing and aligning cross-border requirements.

The Participants have reached the following understanding:

1. This Cooperation Arrangement has an objective to establish the basis for a cooperative relationship enabling the Participants to undertake actions to deepen the exchange of information on standardization.
2. Within the framework of their respective areas of competence and their national legislation, the Participants may:
 - (a) promote and enhance communication between the Participants with a view to achieve a better mutual understanding of their activities, priorities and functions;
 - (b) share knowledge and exchange best practices regarding standardization activities within their jurisdictions;
 - (c) promote and support the use of relevant international standards;
 - (d) facilitate cooperation on issues of mutual interest; and

- (e) exchange opinions, periodically, on the activities and functions of various international and regional standardization organizations, such as the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), the Asia-Pacific Cooperation Forum (APCF), and the Pacific Area Standards Congress (PASC).

3. The cooperative activities under this Arrangement are conducted with an aim to:

- (a) facilitate access to information and best practices in various relevant sectors that have been previously identified;
- (b) establish bilateral relations, including the mutual exchange of information and materials that foster cooperation as a building block for international standardization and free trade;
- (c) make the necessary arrangements for holding meetings and exchanges in order to increase mutual understanding of the Korean and Canadian systems; and
- (d) explore the possibility of organizing and sponsoring conferences, workshops and technical symposia on standardization matters of mutual interest.

4. The Participants intend to finance the cooperative activities referred to in this Arrangement with resources allocated in their respective budgets, subject to availability, budgetary allocations and provisions of national legislation.

5. The Participants understand that they should not disclose or distribute information arising from cooperative activities under this Arrangement without the written consent of the other Participant.

6. For the proper implementation and follow-up of the cooperative activities under this Arrangement, the Participants appoint the following persons, or their successors.

- (a) KATS appoints to:

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7. The Participants may hold consultations, at any time, in order to address any issue concerning the interpretation or application of this Arrangement.

8. This Arrangement is applicable from the date of its signature and is to remain applicable for a three (3) year period. It may be renewed for an equal period of time with prior written notice by the Participants.

9. This Arrangement may be amended, at any time, by mutual written consent of the Participants, specifying the date of the entry into force of the amendments.

10. The Participants understand that the termination of this Arrangement should not affect the conclusion of cooperative activities that may have been formalized during the time it was applicable, unless the Participants decide otherwise.

Signed in Busan, South Korea on the 22nd day of October, 2018, in two original copies in the Korean, English and French languages, all texts being equally authentic.

**FOR THE KOREAN AGENCY FOR
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