



COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between

**THE STANDARDIZATION ADMINISTRATION OF
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

and

**THE EUROPEAN COMMITTEE FOR
STANDARDIZATION and
THE EUROPEAN COMMITTEE FOR
ELECTROTECHNICAL STANDARDIZATION**

Cooperation Agreement between,

The Standardization Administration of the People's Republic of China (hereafter referred to as "SAC"), with registered office in No. 9 Madian East Road, Haidian District, Beijing 100088, China,

on the one part,

The European Committee for Standardisation (hereafter referred to as "CEN"), an international non-profit organizations established under Belgian law with registered office in 17 Avenue Marnix, B-1000 Brussels (Belgium),

The European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardisation (hereafter referred to as "CENELEC"), an international non-profit organizations established under Belgian law with registered office in 17 Avenue Marnix, B-1000 Brussels (Belgium),

on the other part,

hereinafter referred to individually as "the Party" and" or collectively as "the Parties".

WHEREAS:

- a) CEN and CENELEC are two of the three European Standardization Organizations (ESOs) whose main objective is to remove trade barriers for European industry and consumers. The mission of CEN and CENELEC is to foster the European economy in global trading, the welfare of European citizens and the environment. CEN and CENELEC have the institutional authority, in application to Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on 25 October 2012 through their services to provide a platform for the development of European Standards and other consensus-based publications;
- b) SAC is authorized by the State Council to exercise administrative responsibilities by undertaking unified management, supervision and overall coordination of standardization works in China;
- c) The Parties have expressed their mutual desire to further develop their cooperation in the field of standardization based on Chinese, European and international principles, laws and regulations and standards, in accordance with the economic interests of their respective stakeholders.

THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and other considerations, the Parties hereby have agreed the following:

Article 1 – Purpose of the Cooperation

The purpose of this Cooperation Agreement is to renew and further strengthen the relationship between the Parties, in order to remove technical barriers to trade; to improve economic, scientific and technical relations; to ensure the compatibility and interchangeability of supplied products and their safety for human life, health and private property, and to promote environmental protection.

Article 2 – Areas of Cooperation

Respectful of their legal environment and mission, the Parties agree to carry out the following cooperation activities:

- I. To collaborate in support of ISO or IEC strategic and technical activities, based on a commonly agreed interest;
- II. To enhance the mutual understanding of the development of standards in Europe and China;
- III. To keep each other informed about the most recent developments of standardization work and related issues, including the policy framework governing standardization in China and Europe;
- IV. To exchange views and cooperate in support of relevant EU-China regulatory dialogues and other strategic initiatives as the Seconded European Standardization Expert in China (SESEC) Project;
- V. To provide upon specific request information in English regarding published standards and other standardization deliverables, understanding that such information would not cover the full text of standards and other standardization deliverables;
- VI. To strengthen bilateral cooperation on Intellectual Property matters related to standardization (such as: copyright, patents and trademarks), with the objective to ensure the understanding and respect of the applicable legal framework and obligations in China and Europe; and
- VII. To foster the uptake of ISO and IEC standards, working together to identify alignment between the adoption of those international standards in Europe and in China, and to facilitate the exchange of European and Chinese standards and other standardization deliverables for adoption, in full respect of applicable rules and obligations, agreeing that those standards and other deliverables for exchange are European or Chinese “homegrown” standards not resulting from the identical adoption of ISO or IEC standards.

Article 3 – Cooperation Modalities

The Parties agree to implement the cooperation in the areas identified under Art. 2 by:

- I. Organizing regular meetings, at least once a year, to exchange views on strategic matters and review progress achieved in the cooperation. The Parties shall coordinate as much as possible the schedule of meetings held under this Agreement with other international events, e.g. the EU-China Regulatory Dialogue and, ISO General Assembly or IEC General Meeting;
- II. Establishing fields of mutual interest regarding the standardization work developed at ISO and IEC level, and agreeing on appropriate communication routes in order to support the Parties' contributions to international standardization;
- III. Exchanging information and experiences on standardization, as well as textbooks and other training materials on standardization;
- IV. Arranging experts' workshops, seminars and symposia;
- V. Arranging experts' practical training and study visits;
- VI. Exchanging specialists and lecturers;
- VII. Establishing working groups in the areas of mutual interest;
- VIII. Exchanging work programmes;
- IX. Organizing public events or developing effective and efficient channels to communicate with and educate the general public about standardization-related issues;
- X. Developing effective and efficient schemes to better support SMEs and to engage them more in developing related standards; and
- XI. Developing appropriate contractual arrangements as required to enable the adoption of one Party's deliverables by another Party, in full respect of each Party's applicable rules and obligations.

Should a Party request the other Party/ies to engage in specific cooperation activities requiring ad-hoc financial resources, unless otherwise agreed, the requesting Party will bear the related expenses.

Article 4 – Communication Modalities

The Parties will respectively assign a contact person in their organization, who will act as a focal point for channeling exchanges.

In order to ensure efficient communication, each Party shall timely notify the other Parties any change of contact person.

Day-to-day communication will be carried out via e-mails.

Article 5 - General Terms and Conflict Resolution

The Parties recognize that the implementation of this Agreement and cooperation activities falling within its scope is dependent on the availability of necessary funding and resources. The Parties resolve to undertake activities only where the required budget and resources are available, without liability of any Party to the others.

All activities under this Agreement are undertaken on a voluntary basis and within the scope and capabilities of the Parties.

The Parties undertake to solve amicably any problem arising under or relating to the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement.

Article 6 - Commencement, Amendment and Termination

This Agreement shall enter into force on its signing by the last of the signatories. This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years and may be extended for an additional five years upon written confirmation by all Parties. Such confirmation shall be made at least three months before the termination of the present Agreement.

The present Agreement may be amended anytime upon mutual written consent by the Parties. The written amendment shall be annexed to this Agreement. Each Party can terminate this Agreement anytime with six months' written notice to the other Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Cooperation Agreement is signed by the authorized representative of each Party in three copies, each written in Chinese and English, and all of them being original.

Friedrich SMAXWIL

CEN President

European Committee for
Standardization
(CEN)

Date: 2016-09-10

Signature:



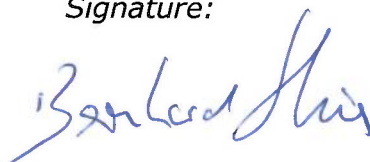
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CENELEC President

European Committee for
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