



## Cooperation Agreement

This Cooperation Agreement (hereinafter the Agreement) is agreed between

European Committee for Standardization  
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Referred to hereafter as "CEN",

and

European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization  
Rue de la Science 23  
B-1040 Brussels, Belgium

Referred to hereafter as "CENELEC",

and

Standards Council of Canada  
600-55 Metcalfe Street  
Ottawa, ON K1P 6L5, Canada

Referred to hereafter as "SCC",

All organisations collectively herein after referred to as "The Parties".

Whereas :

- 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 produce European Standards to foster the European economy in global trading and the welfare of European citizens. CEN and CENELEC, through their services, have the institutional authority to provide a platform for the development of European Standards and other consensus-based publications in application to Regulation (EU) 1025/2012;
- CEN and CENELEC promote the international harmonization of standards in the framework of ISO (International Organization for Standardization) and IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission);
- SCC is the recognized national standards body of Canada and in this capacity facilitates the development and use of national and international standards and accreditation services to enhance Canada's competitiveness and social well-being.



- The Parties wish to remove technical barriers to trade, to promote standardization as a means to facilitate trade and improve market access, and to improve economic, scientific and technical exchanges, to ensure the compatibility and inter-changeability of supplied products and their safety for human life, health and private property, and to promote environmental protection;
- CEN and SCC signed an Agreement on 25 April 2017 granting SCC the status of the CEN Companion Standardization Body (CSB) describing the related rights and obligation ("Agreement on the Status of a Companion Standardization Body with CEN");
- The Parties recognize the desirability of the global use of international standards;
- The Parties have expressed their mutual desire to strengthen their cooperation in the field of standardization and are, for that purpose, signing the present cooperation agreement;
- The Parties agree to enter into this cooperation agreement on behalf of their respective members.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and other considerations, the Parties hereby agree the following:

#### **Article 1**

##### **Objectives of the Agreement**

The Parties establish this Cooperation Agreement with the following goals:

- To promote and enhance communication between the Parties leading to a better mutual understanding of their activities, priorities, and roles;
- To adopt a complementary approach to the standardization process in the domains of mutual interest;
- To contribute to and promote the use of international practices, regulations and standards, whenever possible;
- To encourage cooperation in order to avoid duplication of work efforts as much as possible;
- To facilitate access to the respective standards-development processes of Canada and the EU;
- To support the successful implementation and functioning of the Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), including in relation to regulatory cooperation.



## Article 2

### Exchange of Information

The Parties agree to exchange information regularly on standardization through:

- Exchanging internal procedures documents (i.e. CEN-CENELEC Internal Regulations and Guides, SCC's Requirements and Guidance) and promotional documentation (Annual reports, etc.);
- Establishing relevant contacts for technical work developed through CEN, CENELEC and SCC standardization activities;
- Taking appropriate action in order to facilitate the proper exchange of technical documentation.

The Parties shall make information available on their respective websites:

CEN-CENELEC - [www.cencenelec.eu](http://www.cencenelec.eu)

CEN - [www.cen.eu](http://www.cen.eu)

CENELEC - [www.cenelec.eu](http://www.cenelec.eu)

SCC - [www.scc.ca](http://www.scc.ca)

## Article 3

### Cooperation Modalities

The Parties agree to meet regularly in order to exchange views and co-ordinate, as far as possible, their positions on matters of common interest.

SCC, CEN and CENELEC agree to arrange for exchange visits or meetings of their senior management, including SCC participation in CEN-CENELEC's annual General Assembly Open Session, and CEN-CENELEC participation in an annual meeting of the senior management of SCC and SCC-accredited standards-development organizations (SDOs);

CEN, CENELEC and SCC shall each assign a contact person who shall be in charge of keeping the contacts on behalf of their respective organisation.

CEN, CENELEC and SCC may exchange relevant working programmes and/or establish joint taskforces in areas of common interest.



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CEN, CENELEC and SCC may agree to handle the transfer of knowledge activities, e.g. the training of SCC staff at the CEN-CENELEC Management Centre or member organisation, or for CEN-CENELEC officers at SCC or one of the standards-development organizations accredited by SCC.

CEN, CENELEC and SCC may explore the possibility of organizing and sponsoring conferences, workshops and technical symposia on standardization subjects of mutual interest.

In case of a specific request from one Party to another for transfer of knowledge activities, the requesting Party will undertake to cover the relevant costs.

#### **Article 4**

##### **Areas of Cooperation**

The Parties, considering the Regulatory Dialogues in the field of standardization and conformity assessment, undertake to co-operate at the technical level, amongst others, including in support of CETA regulatory cooperation (Chapter 21).

Additionally, the Parties will share knowledge and exchange best practices in the following areas: engagement with small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), engagement with international and regional standardization bodies, as well as other areas of mutual interest to the Parties.

#### **Article 5**

##### **Adoption, translation and distribution of standards**

The review and adoption by SCC of CEN standards are defined under the conditions stipulated in the Agreement on the Status of a Companion Standardization Body with CEN, concluded between SCC and CEN on 25 April 2017.

CENELEC may give SCC the right to adopt and distribute CENELEC standards and other technical publications, under the conditions as stipulated in CEN-CENELEC Guide 10, which is annexed to this Cooperation agreement, understanding that those standards and other deliverables are European "homegrown" standards not resulting from the identical adoption of IEC standards.

CEN and CENELEC standards are available in English, French and German and Canadian national standards are available in English and French. The translation to other languages of CEN and CENELEC standards to be adopted is regulated by the CEN-CENELEC Guide 10 'Policy on dissemination, sales and copyright of CEN-CENELEC Publications'. Under the terms of this Agreement, and those of the Agreement on the Status of



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a Companion Standardization Body with CEN, SCC may adopt CEN and CENELEC standards in both English and French.

SCC may give CEN and CENELEC the right to adopt and distribute National Standards of Canada and other technical publications, under the conditions as stipulated in ISO/IEC Guide 21-1.

#### **Article 6**

##### **Intellectual Property**

All copyright, trade secret, patent and other intellectual and industrial rights embodied in deliverables of the ESOs or of SCC and its accredited SDOs, and any copies thereof, remain with the party originating them, unless otherwise provided.

#### **Article 7**

##### **General Terms and Conflict Resolution**

The Parties recognize that the implementation of the activities within the framework of this cooperation agreement is dependent on the availability of appropriate funding and resources. The Parties resolve to pay for the costs they respectively incur in carrying out the cooperative activities under the cooperation agreement, subject to their resources and budgetary availability.

The Parties will not disclose confidential information derived from cooperative activities under this cooperation agreement for commercial or industrial purposes without the consent of the other Party.

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

#### **Article 8**

##### **Commencement, Amendment and Termination**

- This cooperation agreement will take effect upon its signature by the last Party and will remain in effect for five years.



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- The Parties may terminate the cooperation agreement by giving a six-month notice in writing to the other Party.
- The Parties may extend this cooperation agreement for further five-year periods upon their mutual consent in writing.
- The Parties may amend this cooperation agreement upon their mutual consent in writing, to be signed by their authorised representatives.

Two originals signed in the English and French languages by

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