

Cross-Strait Agreement on Cooperation in Respect of Standards, Metrology, Inspection and Accreditation (Draft)

(This agreement will become effective only after the completion of relevant procedures.)

In order to facilitate cross-strait economic and trade dealings, promote cross-strait industrial cooperation, create investment-friendly conditions, enhance the quality and safety of cross-strait traded goods, and protect consumer rights, the Straits Exchange Foundation and the Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Strait, after negotiation based on an equal footing, hereby agree on the following matters of cross-strait cooperation in respect of standards, metrology, inspection, certification & accreditation, and consumer product safety:

1. Scope of Cooperation

The Parties agree to jointly adopt measures for carrying out exchanges and cooperation in the following areas:

- (1) **Standards:** To actively explore and promote the developing of compatible standards in key fields; to exchange information on standards and promote the establishment of a cross-strait standards information platform; and to enhance the sharing of standards training resources.
- (2) **Metrology:** To promote cross-strait cooperation in respect of legal metrology and exchange of information on measurement techniques and legal metrological control; to conduct joint research on the highest measurement standards with precision and reliability, and intercomparison of standards; and to pursue technical cooperation in

respect of measuring instruments, tracibility and calibration.

- (3) **Inspection:** To communicate cross-strait inspection standards and procedures; to establish a cooperation and consultation mechanism for product inspection in cross-strait trade; and to conduct technical cooperation in respect of product safety inspection and testing.
- (4) **Certification and Accreditation:** To communicate cross-strait certification and accreditation standards and procedures; to jointly promote the establishment and implementation of a cross-strait mechanism for certification and accreditation in new fields; and to promote mutual trust in the results of cross-strait certification and accreditation, making specific arrangements on items agreed to by both Parties.
- (5) **Consumer Product Safety:** To establish a cross-strait notification mechanism for consumer product safety information; to establish a cross-strait trade consumer product safety coordination mechanism; and to strengthen communication and coordination in dealing with non-compliant consumer products.
- (6) To strengthen information exchange in respect of relevant systems and rules within the above-mentioned areas of cooperation.
- (7) Other matters of cooperation agreed to by the Parties.

2. Form of Cooperation

The Parties agree to adopt the following measures for cooperation in the above-mentioned areas:

- (1) Setting up working groups respectively for cross-strait standards, metrology, inspection, certification & accreditation, and consumer

product safety, to jointly discuss and set specific implementation programs and clearly delineate the scope of activities, and to develop cooperation documents for related fields based on the needs identified.

- (2) Carrying out exchanges and cooperation in the areas of standards, metrology, inspection, certification & accreditation, and consumer product safety by means of technical collaboration, conferences of experts, information exchange, exchange visits, operational training, etc.
- (3) The competent authorities of each Party shall be responsible for directing and coordinating each working group's conduct of its tasks, and shall designate contact persons to be responsible for conducting regular liaison and the carrying out of work projects in each field.

3. Mutual Assistance

The Parties agree to provide necessary assistance for activities related to the implementation of this Agreement.

4. Confidentiality Obligation

The Parties agree to comply with commitments to maintain requested confidentiality of information obtained in the course of activities related to the implementation of this Agreement.

5. Document Format

The Parties agree to use the format of documents for information exchange, notifications, inquiries, and operational liaison as settled by discussion between the Parties.

6. Liaison Bodies

Liaison on the implementation of matters set out in this agreement shall be conducted by a contact person or persons designated by the competent authorities of each Party.

Liaison regarding other matters related to this Agreement shall be handled by the Straits Exchange Foundation and the Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Strait.

7. Implementation of and Amendment to the Agreement

The Parties shall comply with the provisions of this Agreement.

This Agreement shall be amended only with both Parties' consents, and shall be confirmed in writing.

8. Dispute Resolution

Any disputes arising from the application of this Agreement shall be resolved by prompt negotiation between the Parties.

9. Matters not Mentioned in this Agreement

Matters not mentioned in this Agreement shall be separately discussed and resolved by the Parties in an appropriate manner.

10. Effective Date

This Agreement shall become effective from the date of signing after both Parties have completed their respective relevant preparations, no later than ninety days hereafter.

This Agreement was signed on December 22 in four original copies, with each Party keeping two copies.

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[Note: In case of any discrepancy between the Chinese text and English translation, the Chinese text shall govern.]