

Technical Standards Research Cooperation Agreement Based on the Priority Assistive Products List

This Technical Standards Research Cooperation Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement”) has been made and come into effective on September, 2017.

Parties to this Agreement

Party A: World Health Organization
Legal Representative: Chapal Khasnabis

Party B: China Assistive Devices and Technology Center for Persons with Disabilities
Legal Representative: Xi Li

Party C: BAUM Retec AG
Legal Representative: Wolfgang Baum

Party D: Index Braille AB
Legal Representative: Bjorn Lofstedt

Party E: Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of Korea
Legal Representative: Inhyuk Moon

Party F: Nippon Telesoft Co., Ltd.
Legal Representative: Hideaki Kaneko

I. Cooperation background and general rules

Under the initiative and leading of World Health Organization (WHO), and with the support by China, Germany, Sweden, South Korea, Japan and other relevant countries, as well as the assistive technical experts, the Priority Assistive Products List has been generated with the concept of “Improving access to assistive technology for everyone, everywhere”. It aims to call for all the member states to actively promote the 50 priority assistive products for persons with disabilities and the older people who need assistive products. At the same time, it will provide guidance for the member states in the R&D, production, service, fitting and standard of the assistive products.

According to the statistics, currently there are still some listed products without relevant technical standards. In order to promote the standardization works, World Health Organization, China Assistive Devices and Technology Center for Persons with Disabilities, BAUM Retec AG, Index Braille AB, Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of Korea and Nippon Telesoft Co., Ltd. have jointly initiated the cooperation project of technical standards research based on the Priority Assistive Products List.

II. Objectives and scopes

The product in the Priority Assistive Products List for the first stage cooperation among the parties is the "Braille Writing Equipment".

III. Cooperation modes

1. The parties will jointly set up a standard research working group for the Priority Assistive Products List and work together to formulate the work programs;
2. The parties shall actively organize discussions of product standards in their countries respectively with their own research, development experience, national fitting experience and their industry influence;
3. The research working group shall regularly organize the parties to participate in exchange activities such as the standard regulations research and international technical exchanges relating to the standards research;

IV. Obligations and liabilities

- 1.As the initiating party of this cooperation, China Assistive Devices and Technology Center for Persons with Disabilities shall undertake the organizational liaison works in the working group and hold regular exchange activities;
- 2.All the parties shall try to take part in the corresponding exchange activities organized by the working group;
- 3.All the parties shall actively try to mobilize the resources and promote standardization research according to the working program. Research funds needed shall be solved by the parties themselves;
- 4.The parties shall try to work together to formulate standards, seek unified opinions within a certain range and eventually form technical documents to share research achievements.
- 5.The parties shall try to submit the application of the national standards for the product to the standard department of that related country based on the international exchange and cooperation achievements at proper time;
- 6.The parties shall try to launch the international standards research project of the product with the support of WHO.

V. Communication mechanism

- 1.The parties shall try to assign special personnel to daily liaison work;
- 2.The parties shall regularly try to carry out daily exchanges through regular expert seminars or by means of multiparty telephone conversations.

VI. Term

This term of the Agreement shall remain valid for two years, from September 14, 2017 until September 14, 2019, unless otherwise terminated by the parties.

Party A : World Health Organization
Authorized Signature



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