

**Articles of Association of
Shanghai Internet of Things Industry Association
(Draft)**

Chapter I General Provisions

Article 1 The Chinese name of the Association is 上海市物联网行业协会, the English name is Shanghai Internet of Things Industry Association (hereinafter referred to as “the Association”), and the abbreviation is SITIA.

Article 2 The Association is a nonprofit mass organization with independent legal person status established in accordance with the *Regulations on the Registration and Administration of Mass Organizations* and the *Provisions of Shanghai Municipality on Promoting the Development of Trade Associations*, and it is composed of the enterprises, public institutions, research institutions and other entities in Shanghai engaged in the R & D, manufacturing, application and service of the Internet of Things (hereinafter referred to as “IOT”) industry for IOT-related services and self-disciplinary management.

Article 3 The purpose of the Association is to, by abiding by the laws, regulations and policies of the People’s Republic of China, following the social ethics and adhering to the philosophy of “cooperation, innovation and development”, (1) actively explore the ways and means of long-term and stable operation of the Association, (2) earnestly promote the standardization of the standards for the IOT industry, (3) speed up the development and innovation of the technologies used in IOT, (4) facilitate the integration of resources, (5) boost the demonstration and application of IOT, (6) drive the application and transformation of the independently innovated technologies and independent standards in perception, communication, information processing, control and other aspects, (7) improve the core competitiveness of the IOT industry in Shanghai, (8) gear up the sustained development of the IOT industry in Shanghai, (9) support the construction of Shanghai as a smart city, (10) contribute to the economic development and social progress of Shanghai, (11) air the opinions related to members’ collective rights and interests on behalf of members, (12) safeguard members’ legitimate rights and interests, and (13) ensure the fair competition in the industry.

Article 4 The Association shall be subject to the business guidance, supervision and administration of Shanghai Municipal Commission of Economic and Information

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Technology, the business administration authority, and Shanghai Administration Bureau of Non-governmental Organizations, the registration administration authority.

Article 5 The residence of the Association is in Shanghai.

Chapter II Duties, Business Scope and Principles

Article 6 The main duties of the Association shall be as follows:

- (1) centered on the construction of Shanghai as a smart city and the districts or counties as smart urban areas, to organize members for making progress in technical research and product development, to propose feasible solutions, to organize the application and demonstration of IOT in accordance with the national standardized structure of IOT / sensor networks, and to participate in the construction of the application and demonstration projects of various industries;
- (2) to carry out the work related to the development of the relevant standards for IOT, to organize members for active participation in the research and formulation of the national and local standards for the IOT industry, and to improve the leadership of Shanghai in the development of the IOT industry through the cooperation on standards.
- (3) to strengthen the cooperation with other trade associations, to establish the public service platform for IOT, to promote the technological progress of the IOT industry and the collaborative innovation of production, study, research and application, to facilitate the integration of the upstream and downstream enterprises in the IOT industry, to form the joint forces for the development of the IOT industry, and to improve the comprehensive competitiveness of the IOT industry in Shanghai.
- (4) to form the special funds by integrating resources for IOT, to establish the fund for developing IOT with private capital, to attract the domestic and overseas enterprises related to IOT to gather in Shanghai, and to develop balanced IOT enterprise groups across the city based on the characteristics of the districts in Shanghai;
- (5) to actively serve as a bridge of communication, to publicize the IOT-related laws, regulations and policies of the State and Shanghai Municipality, to timely air the needs and opinions of the members in the IOT industry to relevant governmental authorities, to safeguard the interests of the IOT industry; to actively publicize and popularize the knowledge related to the technologies and applications of IOT, to promote citizens' acceptance of and participation in IOT, and to expand the influence of the IOT industry in Shanghai;

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- (6) to take advantage of the integrated resources of the Association, to develop the relevant standards for the IOT industry associations and the self-discipline rules for the enterprises in the industry, to coordinate the relationship among members and between members and various parties, and to coordinate the handling of acts related to the fair competition in the industry, and in line with the requirements of governmental authorities, to carry out the work related to the evaluation and argumentation of the IOT industry, the assessment on the skills qualification, the industry survey and the industry statistics.
- (7) to provide members with services in various aspects such as the business development, research and innovation, promotion of technology products, project cooperation, marketing, technical support, information consulting and employee recruitment, to carry out domestic and international exchanges in various forms such as technical training and symposiums, and to promote small and medium-sized enterprises to become bigger and stronger;
- (8) to accept the tasks assigned by the State and Shanghai Municipality, to organize related studies on specific topics, to organize seminars attended by experts, scholars and entrepreneurs, to regularly publish journals, to organize the translation of the documents related to the development of IOT, to prepare the report on the development of the IOT industry in Shanghai, to develop the strategic plans and recommendations for the development of the IOT industry in Shanghai, and to provide relevant governmental authorities with support and services in decision-making.
- (9) to engage in other businesses permitted by the laws of the State.

Article 7 The business scope of the Association shall include:

the organization for the formulation of relevant standards for the IOT industry, project cooperation, market development, demonstration and application, international exchanges, personnel training, conferences and exhibitions, assessment and argumentation, consulting and intermediary services, industry coordination and self-discipline.

Article 8 The principles guiding the activities of the Association shall be as follows:

- (1) The Association shall carry out activities in accordance with the approved Articles of Association and shall not go beyond the business scope specified herein;
- (2) In carrying out the activities, the Association shall be honest, trustworthy, fair and impartial, not practice fraud, not damage the rights and interests of the State, members or individuals; and
- (3) The Association shall follow the principle of “managing the Association on its own”, and

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aim at “working on its own, employing people by itself and self-financing”.

Chapter III Members

Article 9 The members of the Association shall be entity members.

Article 10 The entity applying to join the Association shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) endorsing the Articles of Association of the Association, and comply with relevant agreements;
- (2) willing to join the Association;
- (3) with certain influence in the IOT industry, and committed to promoting technological progress and the formulation of standards and specifications for the IOT industry; and
- (4) engaging in and having made certain achievements in the R & D, design, manufacturing, business services, application and promotion of various aspects of IOT such as information perception, data transmission, process analysis and integrated applications.

Article 11 A member shall submit the following documents when applying for joining in the Association:

- (1) the written application for joining the Association;
- (2) the documents providing information about the member itself and the copy of the legal person business license; and
- (3) the written report of the enterprise on the R & D and manufacturing in the technological fields related to the Association.

Article 12 Procedures for a member to join in the Association:

- (1) submitting the application for joining the Association to the Secretariat;
- (2) the Secretariat shall examine the relevant documents and submit them to the Board of Directors;
- (3) the Board of Directors shall discuss and approve the documents in accordance with the above principles; and
- (4) the Secretariat shall issue the membership card.

Article 13 A member shall have the following rights:

- (1) The right to elect, be elected and vote in the Association;
- (2) to attend the meetings of the Board of Directors as a non-voting participant based on the needs and participate in the discussion of the major issues about the development of the Association;

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- (3) to participate in the relevant work organized by the Association based on the needs;
 - (4) to enjoy the priority in collaborating with the members of the Association;
 - (5) to enjoy the priority in obtaining the services of the Association;
 - (6) to participate in the information and technological exchanges, trainings and other activities held by the Association regularly or irregularly; and
 - (7) to withdraw from the Association out of its own free will.

Article 14 A member shall fulfill the following obligations:

- (1) to endorse and abide by the Articles of Association of the Association;
- (2) to carry out the work in the resolutions of the Association or assigned by the Association;
- (3) to be committed to safeguarding the legitimate rights and interests of the Association and to promoting the development of the Association;
- (4) to respect the achievements of others and to protect intellectual property rights;
- (5) to participate in the sharing and exchanges of the information on scientific research and economy among the entity members of the Association; and
- (6) to complete the other matters prescribed by the Association.

Article 15 If a member intend to withdraw from the Association, it shall notify the Association in writing and return the membership card.

Article 16 If a member seriously violates the Articles of Association of the Association, it shall be dismissed after the voting and approval of the Board of Directors. The unsettled issues about the dismissal or withdrawal of a member shall be dealt with in accordance with the relevant agreements and provisions of the Association.