

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
BETWEEN
THE BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS (BIS)
ON COOPERATION
AND
THE NATIONAL QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE
SYSTEM/HELLENIC
ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION (NQIS/ELOT)
IN THE FIELD OF STANDARDIZATION**

The National Quality Infrastructure System of the Hellenic Republic / Hellenic Organization for Standardization (hereinafter referred to as "NQIS/ELOT") and the Bureau of Indian Standards (hereinafter referred to as "BIS") hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties",

Expressing their will to develop the cooperation on common matters in the field of standardization,

Taking into account the laws and regulations of their respective Countries, as well as the relevant EU legislation, where applicable for both sides,

Being guided by the economic interests of both Parties,

Have reached the following understanding:

Scope

The scope of the present Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to strengthen bilateral cooperation between the Parties in the field of standardization, with the common aim of learning from each other's experiences for mutual benefit and for facilitating mutual trade.

Principles

Article 1

The Parties shall promote cooperation and joint activities in standardization and other quality issues on the basis of additional agreements, and programmes which will be based on the following:

- Exchange of views on the national standards of each Party;
- Promotion of the technical and scientific cooperation;
- Exchange of experience and good practices in the field of standardization.

Areas of Co-operation

Article 2

In respect to the principles set out in Article 1, the Parties agree to:

- Provide access to their respective lists of national-standards;
- Provide access to the texts of each Party's national standards on request;
- Provide access to any periodical or other editions published by each of the Parties;
- Exchange of good practice examples on the implementation of standards in law and in practice;
- Identify opportunities for new standardization works;
- Exchange information on draft standards upon request;
- Exchange information on training programmes, seminars, conferences, specialists and trainers.

Miscellaneous

Article 3

Details on the way the above actions will be performed and relevant costs will be the subject of separate agreements and programmes.

Article 4

This MoU does not violate the rights and obligations of the Parties arising from agreements concluded by the Parties with the third parties.

The Parties shall provide confidentiality concerning documents and information received within the framework of this MoU. This information can be transferred to a third Party only with the written consent of the Party which has provided this information.

Article 5

The provisions of the present MoU, if necessary shall be specified in details by additional agreements and (or) minutes signed by the Parties.

Dispute settlement

Article 6

Any dispute or difference arising out of the interpretation, implementation or application of the present MoU shall be settled amicably by mutual consultations and negotiations between the Parties.

Entry into force and validity

Article 7

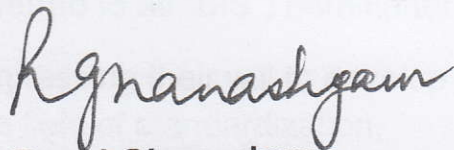
This MoU shall come into effect from the date of its signature and shall remain valid for a period of 5 years. Thereafter, it shall automatically be extended for a successive 5 year period. This MoU supersedes the earlier MoU dated 7th September 2011.

Either Party may terminate the present MoU by giving a written notice of its intention to terminate it to the other Party at least six (6) months in advance. Termination of this MoU shall not affect the implementation of any ongoing programme and/or activity undertaken within the framework of this MoU.

This MoU shall be subject to the laws and regulations of both countries, as well as the relevant EU legislation, where applicable.

Done in Athens on 18 of June 2018 in two original copies in the English language.

**FOR THE BUREAU OF
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