

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS
AND
THE STANDARDS ORGANISATION OF NIGERIA

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), New Delhi, India and The Standards Organisation of Nigeria, herein after referred to as "the Parties"

Desiring, in a spirit of co-operation and mutual interest, to enhance and strengthen technical cooperation in the fields of standardization, certification and quality assurance systems with the aim of exchanging necessary information and expertise between the Parties.

Have reached the following understanding:

ARTICLE 1
Objectives

The objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding is to facilitate closer cooperation and provide a mechanism by which Parties can work together towards the common aim of strengthening standardization and certification activities and facilitate sharing of expertise and mutual trade.

ARTICLE 2
Areas of Cooperation

The Parties shall, within their competence and in accordance with their respective relevant laws and regulations, encourage and promote cooperation in the areas of:

2.1 Standardization

- (1) The Parties shall exchange information and documents in the fields of standardization, rules and procedures for standards formulation, including standard work programmes for standards formulation.
- (2) The Parties shall exchange scientific and technical information on issues of standardization upon which the Parties shall agree.



2.2 Certification

- (1) The Parties shall study each other's organizational structure, and the rules and procedures for third party product certification and the Management Systems Certification, to the extent as may be appropriate.
- (2) The Parties shall exchange in-house manuals for product certification and Management Systems Certification, to the extent as may be appropriate.
- (3) The Parties shall exchange technical information on certification activities upon their consensual agreement for the development of their activities.

2.3 Technical Information

The Parties shall exchange information relating to compilation, storage, retrieval, application and dissemination of scientific and technical information on standardization, certification, metrology and testing.

2.4 Training

The Parties shall organize training programmes for the other's personnel in standardization and quality assurance, as may be appropriate.

2.5 Progress in the areas would be achieved by exchange of delegations and monitoring of Annual Action Plans that would be mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

ARTICLE 3 Financing

The Parties shall bear the costs related to any activity arising from or as a result of this Memorandum of Understanding on terms to be mutually agreed between the Parties.

ARTICLE 4 Amendment

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended or supplemented at any time by written agreement between the Parties.


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ARTICLE 5
Language

Parties agree to use English as the working language.

ARTICLE 6
Dispute Settlement

Any dispute, disagreement or claim arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably by consultations and negotiations between the Parties.

ARTICLE 7
Final Provision

- (1) This Memorandum of Understanding shall be in force for three years from the date of signature by the Parties. Thereafter, it may be extended for subsequent periods of three years at a time by mutual consent of the both Parties.
- (2) The Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated, at any time by either Party giving at least four months prior notice to the other Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE SIGNED THE PRESENT Memorandum of Understanding at Abuja on September 27, 2016 in two originals in English and Hindi languages.

**For The Bureau of Indian
Standards**



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Minister of State for Finance
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**For the Standards Organisation
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