



**Technical Cooperation Program Between the
The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO)
and the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)**

Preamble

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) and the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS); hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”.

Recognizing the benefits and advantages that the two Parties will gain from cooperation in different fields of standardization;

Seeking to develop the trade, to ensure quality of imported and exported commodities, to eliminate the technical barriers to trade and to ensure protection of the consumer and his safety;

In keeping with the rules and regulations applicable in both countries;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

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

1. Exchange of information and documents on activities of standardization.
2. Exchange draft standards at various stages of development in the areas of interest of each other.
3. Endeavour to harmonize standards in areas of common interest of trade, taking into consideration the international standards, wherever possible.
4. Participate in seminars, conferences and field visits organized by the other Party in areas of interest of each other, as may be appropriate.
5. Provide training to each other's personnel in the field of standardization and quality assurance and in other areas of mutual interest, as may be appropriate, on mutually agreed terms.
6. Cooperate in the field of protection and safety of the consumer and assurance of importance of implementation of the standards issued by both Parties.
7. Cooperate in the fields of laboratory, testing, calibration and measurement, as mutually agreed by both Parties.
8. Cooperate in the field of conformity assessment, as mutually agreed by both Parties
9. Cooperate in any other area as mutually agreed by both Parties.



Article 2

BIS may consider providing assistance of Indian experts to work at SASO for short terms (up to 6 months) and long terms (6 months to 3 years), if requested on terms and conditions mutually agreed.

Article 3

BIS will consider training of SASO officials on terms and conditions mutually agreed to.

Article 4

Modification or addition of clauses of this program may be made subject to written agreement between the Parties.

Article 5

The Parties agree to use English as the working language of this program.

Article 6

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



Article 7

The duration of this program will be three years starting from the date of signature. The program shall be renewable automatically unless one party informs the other in writing at least three months before the end of its term. This program may be terminated at any time by either party by giving at least four months prior notice to the other party.

In witness whereof, the undersigned have signed the present technical cooperation program.

Signed at Riyadh – Saudi Arabia on 3rd Day of April 2016 corresponding to 25/6/1437 AH in two original copies, each in Arabic, Hindi and English languages, all texts being equally authentic . In case of divergence in interpretation the English text shall prevail.

**For the Bureau of Indian
Standards**

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**For the Saudi Standards, Metrology
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