

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
BANGLADESH STANDARDS AND TESTING INSTITUTION (BSTI)
AND
BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS (BIS)**

1. PREAMBLE

1.1 This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI), Bangladesh, established under Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution Ordinance, 1985 (Ordinance No. XXXVII of 1985) and Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), set up under BIS Act 1986, India, is to facilitate technical cooperation in the fields of standardization, certification, testing, measurement and quality assurance systems with the aim of exchange of information and expertise and facilitation of mutual trade of goods and services.

2. SCOPE

2.1 The scope of this MOU is to facilitate close cooperation and provide mechanism by which BSTI and BIS can work together towards the common aim of strengthening standardization, certification, measurement and testing activities and facilitate sharing of expertise and mutual trade.

3. AREAS OF COOPERATION

3.1 Standardization

3.1.1 BSTI and BIS agree to exchange information and documents in the fields of standardization. These will include information on organizational structure for standardization, rules and procedures for standards formulation, programmes for standards formulation.

3.1.2 BSTI and BIS agree to exchange scientific and technical information on standardization problems mutually agreed upon.

3.2 Certification

3.2.1 BSTI and BIS agree to exchange each other's organizational structure, rules and procedures for third party product certification as well as Quality Systems Certification.

3.2.2 BSTI and BIS agree to exchange information on product certification as well as Quality Systems Certification.

3.2.3 BSTI and BIS agree to exchange technical information on other certification activities mutually agreed upon for the development of each other's activities.

3.2.4 BSTI and BIS agree to study each other's procedures for product certification for the purpose of mutual recognition of inspection and test reports.

3.3 Calibration and Measurement

3.3.1 BSTI and BIS agree to exchange information about the calibration facilities available with each other.

3.3.2 BSTI and BIS agree to exchange each other's procedures for calibration of testing equipment, in-house and for industry.

3.4 Testing

3.4.1 BSTI and BIS agree to examine each other's organizational structure, procedures for laboratory tests, approval of laboratories, and the development of laboratories based on international criteria with the aim of allowing mutual recognition of test reports.

3.4.2 BSTI and BIS agree to exchange information about the testing facilities available in each other's laboratories with a view to carrying out joint research and development activities on mutually agreed basis.

3.5 Technical information

3.5.1 BSTI and BIS agree to exchange information relating to, compilation, storage, retrieval, application and dissemination of scientific and technical information on standardization, certification, calibration and testing.

3.6 Training

3.6.1 BSTI and BIS agree to train each other's personnel and organize training programmes on mutually agreed terms in the field of standardization, quality assurance and testing in areas of mutual interest.

4. GENERAL

4.1 BSTI and BIS agree to exchange each other's bulletin and other brochures/publications, providing information on standardization, quality assurance, measurement and testing.



5. FINANCING

5.1 BSTI and BIS agree that the cost related to any activity under this MOU shall be incurred on mutually agreed terms and conditions.

6. DURATION

6.1 This MOU shall remain in force for three (3) years from the date of its signing and on expiry of the said period its provisions may be reviewed.

6.2 This MOU may be terminated by either party by giving four (4) months written notice to the other party.

6.3 This MOU may be amended and supplemented on mutual agreement by BSTI and BIS.

7. LANGUAGE

7.1 BSTI and BIS agree to use English as the working language.

8. DISPUTE

8.1 Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of this MOU shall be settled by mutual consultations and negotiations.

Done at Dhaka on the twenty sixth day of June 2007, in duplicate in English, both the copies being equally authentic.

Signed for and on behalf of
Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)



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Signed for and on behalf of
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