



Memorandum of Understanding between

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) - National Institute of Training for Standardization (NITS) and The International Organization for Standardization (ISO)

Recognizing the International Organization for Standardization (hereinafter referred to as ISO) as the specialized international institution for matters of standardization, having as its objectives the facilitation of international exchange of goods and services and the development of cooperation in the sphere of intellectual, scientific, technological and economic activities, including the transfer of technology and good business practices to developing countries through the promotion of International Standards.

Bureau of Indian Standards, the National Standards Body is a Statutory Organization under the Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Govt., of India and is engaged in the following activities:

- ❖ Formulation of Indian Standards;
- ❖ Certification (Product & Management Systems);
- ❖ Product testing;
- ❖ Enquiry Point for WTO;
- ❖ Training.

To meet the growing needs and expectations of the industry, NITS was set up under the aegis of BIS in 1995. Since then NITS has been organising various types of training programmes for industry as indicated in the training calendar. These programmes are conducted by a team of more than 250 well experienced, qualified, trained and able officers of BIS. NITS has also been organising International Training Programmes for developing countries of Asia, Africa, Europe and Latin America.

Keeping in view its expanding activities, NITS started functioning from its new premises in Noida from May 2003.

Based on the outcome of bilateral discussions, the Secretary-General of ISO and the Director General of BIS (NITS) agreed upon the following Memorandum of Understanding to govern cooperation between their two organisations and the coordination of their activities in all areas where their functions and activities are complementary and mutually supportive.

1 Purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding

1.1 The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish a partnership between the Parties, to contribute to training on standardization and related matters, in coordination with the respective ISO Regional Liaison Officers.

2 Fields of Cooperation

2.1 The Parties agree to cooperate, in the context of their respective mandates, policies and resources, for the purposes of capacity-building, training, including e-learning, in specific programmes identified by and agreed between both Parties.

2.2 The Parties will undertake joint projects and organize seminars and workshops at the regional level on standardization and related matters including Management Systems and Conformity Assessment Standards and Guides, within the following areas:

2.2.1 Joint organization of regional training events

2.2.2 Delivery of ISO modules within NITS training programmes

2.2.3 Provision of Need-based Training in other Developing Countries

2.2.4 As part of this MoU, the ISO Technical Assistance and Training Services, DEVT, ISO Central Secretariat, will make available to NITS, training material and related documentation for the organization of training events foreseen in this MoU.

BIS acknowledges that these materials are protected by copyright and are only made available for use in connection with the training events agreed by the parties on condition that NITS preserves the integrity of such materials and their source is acknowledged.

Nothing in this MoU shall give NITS any right, title or interest in or to the Copyrights or to the ISO mark and logo save as granted hereby.

By mutual agreement, NITS may also develop training material for new training courses, which will be used after approval of ISO.

2.3 The focal points for the purpose of this MoU shall be:

2.3.1 On behalf of BIS

NITS - for technical content and management of progress and faculty identification and development.

IR&TISD for administrative and financial aspects.

2.3.2 On behalf of ISO

- ISO Technical Assistance and Training Services, DEVT at the ISO Central Secretariat

3 Promotion, Exchange of Information

3.1 ISO and NITS shall promote the training activities.

3.2 ISO and NITS shall keep each other informed regularly about work of mutual interest carried out by each organization.

4 Administrative and Financial Modalities

4.1 The implementation of the activities envisaged in this Memorandum of Understanding shall depend on the availability of the necessary financial resources, according to the regulations and procedures in force in the two organizations.

4.2 In the execution of the agreed activities ISO and NITS shall support each other with the required logistic and administrative support.

4.3 The modalities of joint projects under the present Memorandum of Understanding shall be contained in specific projects agreed upon by the Parties. The following focal points are specified for the purposes of this Memorandum of Understanding:

- (a) For ISO : ISO Technical Assistance and Training Services, DEVT
- (b) For BIS: As mentioned at 2.3.1

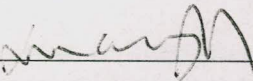
5 Final Clauses

5.1 This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual written agreement of the Parties.

5.2 Each party may terminate this agreement by giving the other party at least six months' written notice of such intention.

5.3 Existing projects which are due to be completed within one calendar year from the date of notice of termination shall not be affected by such termination unless otherwise provided for.

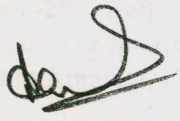
5.4 This Memorandum shall enter into force upon signature by the Secretary-General of ISO and the Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India and the Head of NITS.



For BIS
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Government of India



For ISO
Mr. Alan Bryden
Secretary-General



For NITS
Mr. Anupam Kaul
Head

Date: 13/9/06

Place: Ottawa

Date: Feb. 09, 13

Place: Ottawa (Canada)