MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COOPERATION RELATING TO CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT, LEGAL METROLOGY AND PRODUCT SAFETY

BETWEEN

THE KOREAN AGENCY FOR TECHNOLOGY AND STANDARDS OF THE MINISTRY OF KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF METROLOGY, QUALITY AND TECHNOLOGY OF THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT, INDUSTRY AND FOREIGN TRADE OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL

The Korean Agency for Technology and Standards (KATS) of the Ministry of Knowledge Economy of the Republic of Korea and the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology (INMETRO) of the Ministry of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade of the Federative Republic of Brazil (hereinafter referred to as "the Sides"),

Desiring to promote mutual interests through cooperation in the areas of conformity assessment, legal metrology and product safety on the basis of equality and mutual benefit,

Recognizing that such cooperation will promote economic cooperation, facilitate trade through the elimination of unnecessary technical barriers to trade and support the friendly relationship between the two countries,

Have reached the following understanding:

Paragraph 1

The Sides will support cooperation in the areas of conformity assessment, legal metrology and product safety on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, in accordance with the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the respective laws and regulations of the two countries.

Paragraph 2

The cooperation may include, in particular, the following forms:

- a) Exchange of technical data and information relating to conformity assessment, legal metrology and product safety;
- b) Cooperation programs and projects of mutual benefit including visits, exchange of experts in the areas of conformity assessment, legal metrology and product safety. Mutual dispatch of experts for short or long term periods, if necessary;
- c) Organization of and participation in conferences, symposia, workshops, and other joint meetings relating to conformity assessment, legal metrology and product safety;
- d) Mutual cooperation in international organizations including International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation ILAC, International Accreditation Forum IAF, International Organization of Legal Metrology OIML, International Consumer Product Health and Safety Organization ICPHSO, International Consumer Product Safety Caucus ICPSC and other subcommittees of international organizations relating to conformity assessment, legal metrology and product safety;
- e) Facilitation of cooperation among conformity assessment organizations in each Side's territories;
- f) Operation of joint education and training programs in order to raise competency in conformity assessment, legal metrology and product safety;
- g) Cooperation to identify proactive measures to reduce the burden from standards, technical regulations or conformity assessment procedures by the Sides;
- h) Other forms of cooperation as agreed by the Sides, including meetings between the two Sides.

Paragraph 3

The expenses incurred in connection with the cooperative activities under this MOU

will be covered in accordance with the terms mutually agreed upon by the Sides and subject to budgetary availability of the two countries.

Paragraph 4

Any information derived from cooperative activities under this MOU should not be unilaterally disclosed for commercial or industrial purposes without the consent of the Sides.

Paragraph 5

Any issues arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MOU will be settled through consultation between the Sides.

Paragraph 6

This MOU will be also valid in case a new organization succeeds one of the Sides and assumes the same responsibilities as the signatory.

Paragraph 7

- 1. This MOU shall enter into force upon signature by both Sides.
- 2. This MOU shall remain in force for five years from the date of signature by the Sides and automatically extended every five years unless otherwise amended or terminated.
- 3. This MOU may be terminated at any time by either Side giving at least six month's prior notice to the other Side.
- 4. The termination of this MOU will not affect the validity or duration of projects under this MOU that are initiated prior to such termination.

Rio de Janeiro		4.4					
Signed at, on the	_15 day of	May	2012	in	duplicate	in	the
English language.							

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