

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON COOPERATION RELATING TO STANDARDIZATION,
CERTIFICATION, CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT AND
TECHNICAL REGULATIONS
BETWEEN
THE KOREAN AGENCY FOR TECHNOLOGY AND STANDARDS
OF THE MINISTRY OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND ENERGY OF
THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
AND
THE ETHIOPIAN STANDARDS AGENCY
OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA**

the Korean Agency for Technology and Standards (KATS) of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy of the Republic of Korea and the Ethiopian Standards Agency (ESA) of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (hereinafter referred to as the "Sides"),

Acknowledging the importance and contribution of standardization, certification, conformity assessment and technical regulations for quality improvement, production efficacy and commercial exchanges, as well as the role played by both Sides in their respective domestic economies,

Desiring to promote mutual interests through cooperation in the areas of standardization, certification, conformity assessment and technical regulations, based on the principles of equality and mutual benefit, and

Recognizing that such cooperation will promote economic development and support the cordial relationship between the two countries,

Have reached the following understanding:

**Paragraph 1
Objective**

The Sides will support cooperation in the areas of standardization, certification, conformity assessment and technical regulations, based on the

principles 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. This MOU is not intended to give rise to any legally binding obligations under national or international law.

Paragraph 2

Mechanism of Cooperation

The mechanisms of cooperation for the attainment of the objective of this MOU may include, among others, the following:

- a) exchanges of technical data, periodicals, information and experience;
- b) cooperative programs and projects of mutual benefit, including short and long term visits and the exchange of experts and technical personnel, if necessary;
- c) the organization of and participation in conferences, symposia, workshops, exhibitions and other relevant activities of mutual interest;
- d) mutual cooperation in projects and activities to be conducted under regional and international standardization bodies;
- e) the operation of joint training/education programs to enhance competence in standardization, certification, conformity assessment and technical regulations; and
- f) any other forms of cooperation that may be mutually decided upon by the Sides.

Paragraph 3

Financial Arrangements

Each Side will cover the expenses incurred in connection with the cooperative activities under this MOU in accordance with provisions mutually decided upon by the Sides and subject to the availability of financial and other resources of the Sides.

Paragraph 4 Confidentiality

No information derived from cooperative activities under this MOU will be unilaterally disclosed by either Side for commercial and/or industrial purposes without the prior written consent of the other Side.

Paragraph 5 Additional Arrangements

The provisions of this MOU, if necessary, may be specified in further detail in additional arrangements and/or minutes signed by the Sides.

Paragraph 6 Resolution of Differences

Any differences in relation to the interpretation or implementation of this MOU will be resolved through mutual consultations and negotiations between the Sides.

Paragraph 7 Final Provisions

1. This MOU will come into effect the date of its signature and remain in effect for a period of three (3) years.
2. The provisions of this MOU may be amended through the mutual written consent of the Sides. Either Side may initiate an amendment through a written proposal delivered to the other Side.
3. Either Side may terminate this MOU by providing the other Side prior written notice of its intention to terminate the MOU at least six (6) months' before the intended date of termination.
4. Unless jointly decided by the Sides, the expiration or termination of this

MOU will not affect the completion of cooperative activities or projects under this MOU that were initiated prior to the termination.

Signed in duplicate in Seoul, on 26th day of the Month of August, in the year 2019, in the Korean and English languages, all texts being equally valid. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text will prevail.

**FOR THE
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TECHNOLOGY AND
STANDARDS OF THE MINISTRY
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