

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)**  
**BEWTEEN**  
**THE INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS & INDUSTRIAL**  
**RESEARCH OF IRAN (ISIRI)**  
**AND**  
**THE KOREAN AGENCY FOR TECHNOLOGY AND**  
**STANARDS**  
**FOR**  
**COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF STANDARDIZATION**  
**AND CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT**

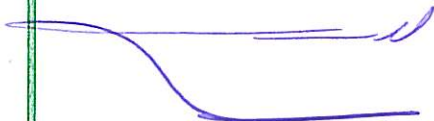
The Institute of Standards and Industrial Research of Iran and Korean Agency for Technology and Standards (hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”) have agreed to establish bilateral cooperation in the following fields:

**Item 1:**

***Standardization***

The Parties agree to cooperate in the field of standardization and provide necessary resources for a fruitful development of standards on the mutual benefit. The cooperation will be carried out in areas that are of great interest to the Parties including following:

- a) Promotion of participation in the standards development process on a reciprocal basis at no charge.
- b) Implementation of joint or cooperative programs, including training and visit of technical experts related to standardization.



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**Item 2:**

***Certification***

Having recognized the vital importance of the conformity assessment activities in facilitating the bilateral trade, and in the purpose of the promotion of the collaboration in standardization and standards related activities, The Parties agree to extend the scope of cooperation as follows:

- a) Exchange of information for the mutual recognition of national certificates and certification marks issued in conformity with national standard, harmonized or identically with the international ones, and on the basis of coordinated regulations and procedures;
- b) Exchange of information for the product certification of conformity to national standards adopted by the parties, performed by bodies which operate according to ISO 17020;
- c) Exchange of information on quality and environmental management systems certification, on the basis of ISO 9000 and ISO 14000, including the exchange of the experts and information to implement national systems of Quality and Environmental Management Certification as well as benefit from each other's experience.

**Item 3:**

***Reducing Trade Barriers***

The Parties agree to cooperate on harmonizing the national standards on the basis of International ones with the intention to improve the conditions for development of economic and trade relations between the parties to reduce the existing technical barriers to trade and prevent the emergence of new potential ones.



**Item 4:**

***Fields of Cooperation***

The cooperation between the Parties will be carried out through:

- a) Exchange of documents on standardization and certification;
- b) Exchange experts for experience exchange, discussions, assessments, training, conferences, etc;
- c) Joint research and development relating to standardization and conformity assessment;
- d) Organization of and participation in seminars, conferences, symposium, workshops, and technical visit;
- e) Exchange of opinions and experiences in standardization, conformity assessment, metrology, and other forms of cooperation as agreed by the Parties;
- f) Mutual cooperation in international and regional organizations relating to standardization

**Item 5:**

The Parties agree that the cooperation shall be implemented through meetings of the Parties at least once a year to discuss and decide upon matters of common interest.

**Item 6:**

The Parties agree to insure confidentiality concerning documents and information obtained within the framework of this MOU. The documents and information can be transferred to the third Party only upon the written consent of the Party that provided such documents and information.

**Item 7:**

The Parties agree to bear all expenses related to the fulfillment of this MOU independently.

**Item 8:**

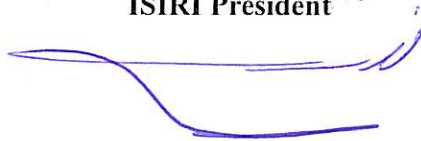
This MOU shall enter into force upon signature and may be amended at anytime as agreed in writing and signed by the Parties. This MOU shall remain in effect until such time as one or the other Party represents its termination, normally giving six months written notice to hold discussions as a courtesy. *6/7/11*

**Item 9:**

This MOU is prepared, signed and exchanged on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2007, in Geneva, Switzerland, in duplicate in the Farsi, Korean, and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of differences of interpretation of this MOU, the English text shall prevail.

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