

Memorandum of Understanding

between

the Czech Office for Standards, Metrology and Testing

and

the Macedonian Bureau of Standardization and Metrology

on Removing of Technical Barriers to Trade

The Czech Office for Standards, Metrology and Testing and the Macedonian Bureau of Standardization and Metrology, hereinafter referred as “the Parties”,

Considering their aim to facilitate mutual trade by reduction of technical barriers,

Recognizing that standardization, conformity assessment procedures and metrology are important for the development of the economic co-operation between both countries,

Recognizing the mutual advantage of co-operation in the sphere of the exchange of information,

Bearing in mind that this Memorandum of Understanding should be in compliance with WTO rules,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The common objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred as MoU) are:

- (i) To support development of co-operation between the Parties and other relevant national institutions in the fields of standardization, conformity assessment, metrology and accreditation, and to catalyze the arrangements between these institutions where appropriate;
- (ii) To develop and maintain mutual confidence;
- (iii) To organize exchange of information in the fields of preparation and issuing national technical regulations, other related documents and of conferences, seminars and workshops organized by each Party;
- (iv) To identify and promote the decreasing of technical or administrative barriers to trade and to facilitate mutual trade.

Article 2

The common tasks of this MoU are in particular:

- (i) To co-operate and assist in the process of harmonization of national technical regulations with those of the EC;
- (ii) To consider possibilities of conclusions of agreements on mutual recognition of certificates and test results of products;
- (iii) To support participation in inter-laboratory measurement comparisons;
- (iv) To support study visits of experts from specific fields of common interest;
- (v) To invite experts to participate in conferences, seminars and workshops;
- (vi) To establish *ad hoc* expert working groups in specific fields of interest.

Article 3

Each Party entrusts a representative for co-ordinating activities aimed at implementation of the MoU. These representatives will organize *ad hoc* meetings to discuss actual topics of common interest. These meetings will be organized alternatively in the territory of each Party. Their contacts and consultations in written and electronic form will be preferred.

Article 4

The MoU shall enter into force on the date of its signing.

Article 5

This MoU may be amended at any time by arrangement between the Parties, subject to it being agreed by consensus.

Article 6

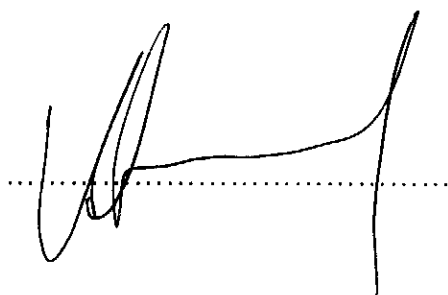
If one Party of this MoU for any reason whatever intends to terminate this MoU, it shall notify the other party in written form of its intention. The MoU will terminate three months after the date of receiving the notification for the denouncement of the MoU.

Article 7

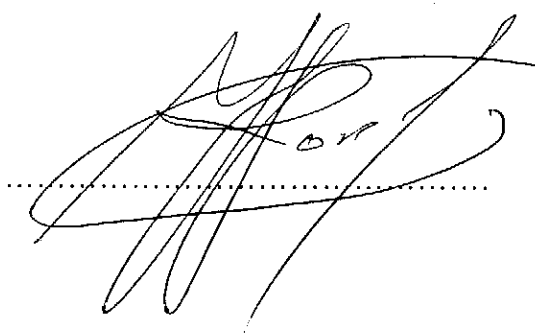
This MoU is of exclusively recommendatory nature. It does not create any binding legal effect on the Parties on behalf of whose has been signed.

Signed in Prague on ¹² November 2001 in two originals in Czech, Macedonian, and English languages, each text being equally authentic. For reference purposes the English version should be used.

For
the Czech Office for Standards,
Metrology and Testing

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For
the Macedonian Bureau
of Standardization and Metrology

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