MEMORANDUM

OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION

BETWEEN

THE CZECH OFFICE FOR STANDARDS, METROLOGY AND TESTING (ÚNMZ)

AND

THE MINISTRY FOR INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

The Czech Office for Standards, Metrology and Testing (ÚNMZ) and The Ministry for Investment and Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan, hereinafter referred to as "the Participants" and each of them, individually when applicable, as a "Participant,

aiming to remove barriers to trade by developing cooperation in the fields of standardization, metrology and conformity assessment based on European and international principles, regulations and standards;

taking into account the importance of protection of life, people's health and environment;

pursuing economic interests of the states of both Participants,

have reached the following understanding:

Section 1

The Participants in accordance with this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), within their competence and in accordance with the legislation of their States, intend to cooperate in the following areas:

- provision of information on European Union's legislation introduced in the Czech Republic and standards and technical regulations adopted in the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- exchange of information on authorized and notified bodies in the Czech Republic and certification bodies and testing laboratories of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- exchange of information on certification and testing with the aim of ensuring conditions for testing and certification results recognition in accordance with the legislation applicable in states of both Participants;
- exploitation of the opportunities of authorized and notified bodies of the Czech Republic in conformity assessment of Kazakhstan products placed on the single market of the European Union;
- training of specialists of the Participants in professional educational systems related to upgrading skills of these professionals;
- implementation of a collaborative study;
- exchange of information on the development and using of reference materials of composition and properties of substances and materials, standard reference data on physical constants and properties of substances and materials;
- exchange of information on legislative and regulatory legal acts, including provision of relevant references, in the field of legal metrology, publications, research results;
- exchange of information on measurement standards, measuring instruments and methods of measurement admitted for use in the sphere of legal metrology in Participants' countries.

Section 2

The Participants intend to promote the cooperation under the Section 1 in following ways:

 exchange of information on national legal acts, technical regulations and other related documents, including provision of relevant references;

- preparation of joint projects in case of mutual interest:
- meeting of experts organizing of training seminars and symposiums;
- exchange of scientists, engineers, technicians and other specialists to carry out joint projects;
- arrangement of internships and study visits for experts;
- training and mutual exchange of specialists and lectors, including development of joint educational programs and training at the corresponding educational institutions of the Participants;
- exchange of information, opinions, experiences, publications, reports and other fields of knowledge according to the mutual interest;
- setting up of relevant working groups in the area of standardization for the development of joint draft standards with its subsequent adoption on the national level, if necessary.

Section 3

In the case of mutual interest the Participants may within their competence and in accordance with the legislation of their countries settle on the specification of other individual areas of cooperation.

Section 4

The specific form of implementation of works in the areas of cooperation and/or the conditions of their financing will be additionally determined in the case of mutual interest by individual agreements of the Participants.

Section 5

The expenses incurred in connection with the cooperative activities under this Memorandum are to be covered in accordance with terms to be mutually agreed upon by the Participants and subject to budgetary availability of the Participants and anything in this MoU does not provide for any obligations of either Participants in this respect.

Section 6

Information about the results of the cooperation can be published only in case of reaching of the Participants mutual agreement.

Section 7

This Memorandum is not an international agreement and it does not establish any rights, commitments or obligations regulated by the international law.

Section 8

None of the provisions of this Memorandum might be interpreted to prevent a Participant from conducting cooperation with third parties in areas covered by this Memorandum.

Signed in Prague on 1 March 2017, in two copies each in English.

For the Czech Office for Standards, Metrology and Testing

For the Ministry for Investment and Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan

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