

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION
BETWEEN
CZECH OFFICE FOR STANDARDS, METROLOGY AND TESTING
AND
INSTITUTE FOR STANDARDIZATION OF MOLDOVA
IN THE FIELD OF STANDARDIZATION**

The Czech Office for Standards, Metrology and Testing (UNMZ) and the Institute for Standardization of Moldova (ISM) and, hereinafter referred to individually as “the Participant” or collectively as “the Participants”,

desiring to develop cooperation in the field of standardization at the level of national standards bodies based on the principles and norms adopted by the European Parliament and of the Council of EU, European and international standardization organizations, and the provisions of Article 6 of the Agreement on “Technical Barriers to Trade” of the World Trade Organization (WTO “TBT Agreement”), guided by the national interests of the States of the Participants,

have reached the following understanding:

Section 1

The Participants declare their willingness to build mutually collaborative relationships in the field of standardization carried out in accordance with the current national legislation of the Participants.

Section 2

The Participants intend to cooperate on the harmonization of national standards with European and international standards in order to

- remove technical barriers to trade;
- promote economic cooperation between the Participants;
- improve economic, scientific and technical exchanges;
- ensure the compatibility and interchangeability of supplied products and their safety for human life.

Section 3

The Participants express their desire to cooperate on mutually beneficial terms in the following areas:

- exchange of information and experience in the field of standardization;
- organization of joint events: meetings, conferences, roundtables, forums of experts and officials from the participating countries;

- exchange of general materials for training courses on standardization developed and published by the respective organizations and periodical publications and other relevant information published by the respective organizations;
- organization of joint consultations and activities of common interest in their relations with international and European standardization organizations and
- other areas mutually identified by the Participants with the aim to develop national standardization systems.

Section 4

The Participants, in accordance with their national legislation, declare their willingness to maintain the confidentiality concerning documents and information received within the framework of this Memorandum. The Participants may transfer this information to a third Party with prior written consent of the Participant which has provided this information.

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 Memorandum does not provide for any obligations of either Participants in this respect.

Section 6

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

Section 7

This Memorandum, as a declaration of will of both Participants, does not constitute any legal obligations or commitments under international law.

Signed on 21 September 2017, in the city of Chisinau, in English language in two original copies.

Signed for and behalf of Czech Office for Standards, Metrology and Testing

Signed for and behalf of Institute for Standardization of Moldova


