


**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE SLOVAK OFFICE OF STANDARDS, METROLOGY AND TESTING**  
**AND**  
**THE MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INTEGRATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF**  
**KAZAKHSTAN**  
**ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF STANDARDIZATION, METROLOGY,**  
**TECHNICAL REGULATION, CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT,**  
**AND ACCREDITATION OF CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BODIES**




The Slovak Office of Standards, Metrology and Testing and the Ministry of Trade and Integration of the Republic of Kazakhstan (hereinafter referred to singularly as a "Participant" and collectively as "Participants");

**DESIRING** to promote economic competition and the development of a quality infrastructure policy,

**CONSIDERING** the obligations of the Slovak Republic, arising out of participation in the European Union,

**CONSIDERING** the obligations of the Republic of Kazakhstan, arising out of participation in the Euroasian Economic Union,

**AIMING** to encourage the process of international cooperation in the fields of standardization, metrology, technical regulation, conformity assessment, and accreditation of conformity assessment bodies,



**AIMING** at the creation of favourable provisions for the development of bilateral relations, based on principles of equality and mutual benefit, have reached the following understanding:

**SECTION 1**  
**OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter "MoU") is to express the willingness of the Participants to establish cooperation in the fields of standardization, metrology, technical regulation, conformity assessment, and accreditation of conformity assessment bodies as well as to describe the mutual goals and responsibilities concerning further collaboration. Specific activities under this MoU will be identified through consultation between the Participants.

## **SECTION 2 AREAS OF COOPARATION**

In compliance with respective legislations of the Participants, the Participants will collaborate in the following areas:

- a) Scientific and technical cooperation in the field of national quality infrastructure, including standardization, metrology, technical regulation, conformity assessment, accreditation of conformity assessment bodies and quality;
- b) Exchange of information via paper or electronic carriers in the relevant fields;
- c) Exchange of information on legislation, including information on standardization, metrology, technical regulations, conformity assessment, and accreditation of conformity assessment bodies and quality;
- d) Exchange of technical information, reference data, materials and publications;
- e) Exchange of specialists for training and improvement of personnel under pre-agreed conditions and for conducting consultations;
- f) Organization of joint events (seminars, scientific-technical projects, conferences etc.) for enhancing collaboration and knowledge exchange;
- g) Exchange of knowledge and information in the field of conformity assessment;
- h) Encouragement of laboratories of the Participants that are accredited or before being accredited to participate in Proficiency Testing Schemes or where appropriate inter-laboratory comparisons;
- i) Encouragement of laboratories of the Participants to participate in international or inter-laboratory comparisons to expand calibration and measurement capabilities in the field of metrology;
- j) Encouragement of mutual recognition where applies of test results of the accredited conformity assessment bodies in the light of international rights and obligations of the Participants;
- k) Exchange of information on the accredited conformity assessment bodies of the Participants;
- l) Cooperation within various international organizations in respective fields and provision of mutual support within these organizations;
- m) Establishment of a working group operating in the fields of mutual interest.

## **SECTION 3 CONFIDENTIALITY**

1. The Participants may withhold information from each other in case communication of particular information is prohibited by respective national legislations, especially those governing the protection of personal data and confidential information (e.g., business secrets, bank secrets, etc.) or is otherwise incompatible with the Participants interests.

2. Unless the Participant transmitting the information specifies otherwise, any information transmitted by the other Participant under this MoU will be maintained strictly confidential.
3. Disclosure of information received within the framework of this MoU to any third party is prohibited unless the Participants approve otherwise. If the preservation of the confidential nature of the transmitted information requires special provisions under the national legislation to be met, the transmitting Participant should notify the receiving Participant about this.

#### **SECTION 4 SOURCE OF FUNDING**

1. Cooperative activities under this MoU will be subject to and dependent upon the availability of funds and personnel of both Participants.
2. The Participants shall bear the costs related to any activity arising from MoU unless financial arrangements are not negotiated on a case-by-case basis in written form. The Participants will jointly decide before the commencement of the activity about the terms of financing.

#### **SECTION 5 AMENDMENT**

Amendments and additions may be added to this MoU based on the mutual written consent of the Participants, formalized in the form of Protocols, which are an integral part of MoU and come into effect by the same legal procedure provided in Section 9 of this MoU.

#### **SECTION 6 CONTACT POINT**

The Participants will exchange the names and contact details of the persons assigned for the implementation of this MoU. They will notify each other in case of any changes regarding the contact persons.

#### **SECTION 7 DISPUTE SETTLEMENT**

This MoU is not an international treaty and does not create rights and obligations regulated by international law. Any disputes arising from the interpretation and implementation of this MoU will be settled through mutual consultation and negotiation between the Participants.

#### **SECTION 8 LEGAL EFFECT**

This MoU is concluded to enhance and develop cooperation between the Participants and is not binding upon the Participants within the framework of international law.

**SECTION 9  
ENTRY INTO EFFECT AND TERMINATION**

1. This MoU will come into effect on the date of its signature and will remain in effect for a period of five (5) years. Thereafter, it will be automatically renewed for successive five (5) years unless amended or terminated.
2. This MoU may be terminated at any time by either Participant by submitting a written notification at least six (6) months in advance to the other Participant.
3. Signed in Astana, on 11<sup>th</sup> of June, 2025, in two original copies, each in Slovak, English and Kazakh languages, all texts being equally valid. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text will prevail.

**For**  
**the Slovak Office of Standards,  
Metrology and Testing**

**For**  
**the Ministry of Trade and Integration of  
the Republic of Kazakhstan**

