

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE SLOVAK OFFICE OF STANDARDS, METROLOGY AND TESTING
(UNMS SR)
AND
THE COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS, METROLOGY AND QUALITY OF VIET NAM
(STAMEQ)
ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF STANDARDIZATION, METROLOGY,
TECHNICAL REGULATION, CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT, ACCREDITATION
AND QUALITY MANAGEMENT**

The Slovak Office of Standards, Metrology and Testing (UNMS SR) and the Commission for Standards, Metrology and Quality of Viet Nam (STAMEQ) (hereinafter referred to individually as a "Participant" and collectively as "Participants");

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the friendship between the Slovak Republic and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, seeking to expand collaboration between the Participants in the field of standardization, metrology, technical regulation, conformity assessment, accreditation and quality management,

DESIRING to promote economic competition and the development of quality infrastructure policies,

CONSIDERING the obligations of the Slovak Republic, as the member of the European Union, and of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam as a member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN),

AIMING to enhance international cooperation in the fields of standardization, metrology, technical regulation, conformity assessment, accreditation and quality management, and to create 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 (MoU) is to express the willingness of Participants to establish cooperation in the fields of standardization, metrology, technical regulation, conformity assessment, accreditation and quality management and to define mutual goals and responsibilities concerning further collaboration. Specific activities under this MoU will be identified through consultation between the Participants.

SECTION 2

AREAS OF COOPERATION

1. 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 and quality management;
- 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 and quality management;
- 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) Promoting information exchange to facilitate 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) Enhancing cooperation, exchange of information and sharing of experiences regarding activities within international organizations of which both Participants are members in the respective fields;
- m) Establishment of a working group operating in the fields of mutual interest.

2. Through working group, the Participants may develop cooperation in the following areas of mutual interest related to standardization, metrology, technical regulation, conformity assessment, accreditation and quality management:

- a) Cooperating towards the reduction of unnecessary technical barriers related to standardization, metrology, technical regulation, conformity assessment, and quality management procedures in trade;
- b) Promoting the adoption of national standards based on international standards in order to facilitate cooperation in the respective fields and contribute to the reduction of technical barriers in trade.

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. The exchange of information shall be limited to the areas of cooperation set out in Section 2 and conducted solely for the purposes of this MoU. The Participants shall ensure that such exchange does not prejudice the intellectual property rights of either Participant or any third party. Information containing intellectual property or sensitive data shall be clearly identified prior to transmission to mitigate risks of infringement or security breaches.
3. Unless the Participant transmitting the information specifies otherwise, any information transmitted by the other Participant under this MoU will be maintained strictly confidential.
4. Control Mechanisms and Liability: The receiving Participant shall establish and maintain appropriate internal control mechanisms to ensure that access to the received information is restricted to personnel directly involved in the implementation of this MoU.
5. 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 the MoU unless financial arrangements are 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 Participants, 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 periods of five (5) years, unless amended or terminated.
2. Either Participant may terminate this MoU at any time by providing a written notification at least six (06) months in advance to the other Participant. The termination of this MoU will not affect the ongoing cooperation activities unless otherwise decided by the Participants.
3. Signed at Ha Noi, on 13th of April, 2026, in two original copies, each in the Slovak, Vietnamese and English 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
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