

2020 Action plan for implementing the MoU signed between GSO and KATS

Background

The Standardization Organization for the Cooperation Council for Arab States of the Gulf (GSO) and the Korean Agency for Technology and Standards (KATS) signed an MOU on 28 November 2011 and renewed in 19 September 2017. A roadmap was designed in 2014 and implemented up to 2018. To supplement the renewed MOU, some of its elements are taken over into a new roadmap proposed to be implemented throughout 2020.

Goals

1. Contributing to the removal of technical barriers to trade between the two regions by strengthening the cooperation in the fields of standardization, and
2. Improve economic, scientific and technical relations and ensure the compatibility and interchangeability of supplied products

Objectives

1. To promote communication between the Parties.
2. To promote cooperation and exchange of information about standardization and related activities between the Parties.
3. To coordinate stances in regional and international arenas in relation to issues of common interests in the field of standardization and its related activities.
4. To promote mutual understanding of the roles, functions and specialization of each Party.
5. To avoid duplication of work efforts wherever possible.
6. To promote awareness in the field of standardization and related activities.
7. Exchange of notifications relating to all new proposed regulations at early stage.
8. Facilitate and increase the level of trade exchange between the Parties. 9

	Actions	Quarter	Objective	Status	Notes
	Frequency of information exchange (upon request by each party)				
	Agree on the annual action plan.	Q4 2019	Obj. 1		
	Exchange of current catalogs of standards and procedures published by the respective organization and any other available publications.	Q1 2020	Obj. 2,7,8		
1	Exchange of work programs for information sharing.	Q1 2020	Obj. 2		
	Sharing of 2020 annual training/events plans and identification of topics of mutual interest.	Q4 2019	Obj. 2,6		
	Exchange of Strategic information on priorities, challenges, interests, best practices, and cooperation perspectives between the Parties	Q1 2020	Obj.2,5		
	Sharing relevant articles published by each party.	continuous	Obj. 6		
	Technical Cooperation				
	Inviting to Technical Committees's meetings for Technical Regulation harmonizing in case of a request by each side.	Q2 2020	Obj. 4		
2	Getting technical comments from the Korean side on the new GSO technical regulations that are in the process of notification.	continuous	Obj. 2,7,8		
	Study and comment on the other party's draft standards.	continuous	Obj. 2,7		
	Sharing of draft Gulf technical regulations and proposing to GSO the relevant Korean experience for comments	Q1 2020	Obj. 4,8		
	Initiating discussions with GSO on specific issues based on Korean stakeholders' input	continuous	Obj. 4		
	Capacity Building				
3	Exchange of experts from GSO and KATS in various areas of standardization and conformity assessment as determined by special arrangements between parties.	continuous	Obj. 2		
	Organizing 2-days workshop on the Gulf technical regulations for Korean industry in Korea	Q4 2020	Obj. 6		
	Organization of Bilateral Meetings & participation in International Meeting				
4	Organizing bilateral meeting during ISO Week 2020 or IEC GM 2020.	Q3 2020	Obj. 1,3		

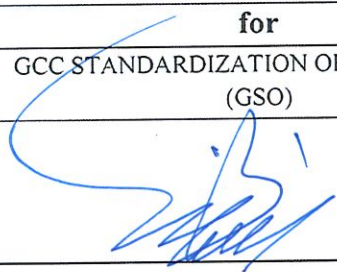

Financial Arrangement

The financial arrangements to cover expenses for the cooperative activities undertaken within the framework of this action plan will be mutually agreed upon by the Parties on a case-by-case basis, subject to the availability of funds.

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