Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation between the Czech Office for Standards, Metrology and Testing and the Uzbek Agency for Technical Regulation

The Czech Office for Standards, Metrology and Testing and the Uzbek Agency for Technical Regulation, hereinafter referred to as "the Participants",

- desiring to strengthen cooperation in the field of standardisation, metrology and conformity assessment, based on the relevant European and international principles, regulations and standards;
- taking into account importance of life and health and to protect the environment;
- taking into account the preparation of the Republic of Uzbekistan for accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO);
- pursuing trade and following the economic interests of both states;

have reached the following understanding:

Section 1

The Participants, within their competence and in accordance with the legislation of their states, express desire to cooperate in the following areas:

- provision of information on European Union's legislation applicable in the Czech Republic and on the legislation of the Czech Republic and on standards and technical regulations adopted in the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- exchange of information on authorized and notified bodies in the Czech Republic and the certification bodies and testing laboratories of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- exchange of information on certification and testing, in agreed scope and in the areas specified by the Participants, with the aim of ensuring that testing and certification results fulfil the standards and technical regulations required by the legislation applicable in states of both Participants;
- exchange of information on legislative and regulatory legal acts, including provision of relevant references in the field of legal metrology, publications and research results in the field of legal metrology;
- mutual cooperation in the field of international and European standardisation;
- comparison of national metrology standards, their calibration (validation), as well as measuring instruments, including considering the needs of the Participants in providing international traceability of measurements in the framework of CIPM MRA;
- conducting research and development work to create modern and high-precision measuring equipment to improve measurement techniques, automated and mobile reference instruments;
- conducting mutual evaluation of technical competence of laboratories performing verification, calibration and testing;
- ensuring participation in interlaboratory comparisons and competence verification programs (ILC);
- development of calibration methods.

Section 2

The Participants intend to promote the cooperation mentioned in Section 1 in the following ways, in accordance with available financial resources:

- exchange of national legislation, technical regulations and information on standards and standardization in support of mutual trade between the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Czech Republic;
- preparation of joint projects in case of mutual interest within their competence and in accordance with the legislation of their states;
- organization of expert's meetings, seminars and symposiums; exchange of engineers, technicians and other specialists to implement joint projects;
- arrangement of internships and study visits for experts;
- exchange of information, experiences, opinions, publications, reports and other matters of mutual interest.

Section 3

Participants may, in the case of mutual interest, agree on the specification of individual intentions and their formalization in appropriate agreements.

Section 4

This Memorandum is a non-binding instrument and, as such, it does not constitute any kind of rights or legal obligations under international law.

Signed in Prague, on 18th March 2025, in two original counterparts in English language, one for each Participant.

For the Czech Office for Standards, Metrology and Testing For the Uzbek Agency for Technical Regulation

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