



Cooperation agreement between the IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission) and GSO (Standardization Organization for the Gulf Cooperation Council of the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC))

Preamble

This cooperation agreement was drafted following a request from GSO and provides the basis for cooperation between the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) and Standardization Organization for the Gulf Cooperation Council of the Arab States of the Gulf (GSO) in support of international standardisation in the electrotechnical and related sectors, through national/regional adoption of IEC International Standards and direct market acceptance of IEC Conformity Assessment Systems and services (certificates and reports).

1 Objectives

Objectives of this agreement include:

- To ensure the adoption and implementation of IEC International Standards by the IEC members and Affiliates in the GSO member countries;
- To avoid duplication of efforts by ensuring that technical considerations of the content of the Standard relevant to GSO member countries interests takes place at the international level;
- To inform GSO members about IEC activities and encourage them to participate in the international standardization process and IEC Conformity Assessment Systems in support of the above objectives;
- To encourage the GSO member countries to become part of the IEC family if they aren't already and to become member of the IEC Conformity Assessment Systems.

Achievement of these objectives will be enabled by activities set out in items 2, 3 and 4 below.

2 Exchange of information at the IEC Central Office / GSO Secretariat level

2.1 Through mutual agreement, the IEC Central Office will provide GSO with access to:

- The list of IEC International Standards;
- The IEC IT tools free of charge for GSO regional activities;
- Databases which cover the status of all technical projects;
- IEC Conformity Assessment Systems support and to Secretariats (e.g. IECEE, IECEx, IECQ, IECRE).

2.2 GSO will provide IEC Central Office with access to:

- Directory of GSO members primary contact details (names, addresses);
- A current and updated summary of GSO member countries' activities relevant to the IEC and IEC Conformity Assessment Systems;

- Details of GSO member countries' activities on the progress of, and plans for the adoption of IEC International Standards.

3 Participation and support

- 3.1 GSO will support and promote active participation of all GSO member countries in IEC activities, via the relevant national body. GSO will also encourage all of its members countries to establish and maintain a fully representative IEC National (Electrotechnical) Committee.
- 3.2 GSO will ensure regular updates of the "IEC national adoption database" by its member countries.
- 3.3 Through mutual agreement, IEC will give access to IEC IT tools free of charge for GSOs regional activities, namely the IEC Expert Management System (EMS) and other IT collaboration tools.
- 3.4 IEC and GSO plan to develop activities, e.g. workshops, meetings and information sessions as necessary to achieve outlined objectives.

4 Cross representation

- 4.1 A representative of GSO is invited to attend the annual IEC General Meeting, specifically the Council Statutory Session.
- 4.2 A representative of the IEC is invited to attend GSO Technical Board Meetings.
- 4.3 Where the IEC National Committee in GSO member countries is different from the GSO member body, they are allowed to be represented in the GSO Technical Board.

5 Term and termination

The initial term of this cooperation agreement shall be three (3) years upon its signature and shall be subject to automatic renewal for a further term of three (3) years, unless either party gives the other written notice of termination at least three months before the end of the initial or any subsequent term.

6 Governing law

This cooperation agreement shall be governed by the laws of Switzerland and the courts of Geneva, Switzerland shall be the forum for the settlement of disputes including conclusion, interpretation, performance or termination.



For the IEC

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