



Memorandum of Understanding

between

IFIA and the IEC

Considering that IFIA (the International Federation of Inspection Agencies) was established in 1982, with aims:

- To improve the methods, standards, safety procedures and rules used by its members
- To establish legally defensible terms and conditions of business
- To promote legal recognition of the profession as being associated with trust and integrity
- To defend the interests of its members and promote the value of their services

And

Considering that the IEC (the International Electrotechnical Commission) was established in 1906 with aims:

- To serve world markets and society through its standardization and conformity assessment work for all electrical, electronic and related technologies – collectively known as "electrotechnology".
- To promote world trade and economic growth and encourage the development of products, systems and services that are safe, efficient and environmentally friendly
- To manage conformity assessment systems for electric and electronic products, systems and services

With a view to organise regular consultation on policy matters between these two associations,

IFIA and the IEC have agreed that

1. IFIA and the IEC will seek to identify areas where it is valuable for them to communicate with each other in the interests of improving responsiveness by Conformity Assessment Service Providers to market developments,

2. IFIA and the IEC will seek to identify areas where it is beneficial to both parties to support each other when participating in committees or other forums with a bearing on the activities of their members, including but not confined to activities relating to regulatory bodies, manufacturers' associations and other stakeholders,
3. IFIA and the IEC will seek to work with Conformity Assessment Service Providers to ensure the existence of fair and transparent processes throughout the Conformity Assessment process,
4. IFIA and the IEC will meet, through a co-ordination group, and to share ideas, at least once a year, or as frequently as both parties agree to,
5. IFIA and the IEC may attend one another's relevant boards or committees, as is felt appropriate, as observers.

This Memorandum of Understanding is for a period of three years, after which the parties will decide on its prolongation, amendment or termination.

Signed by the Director General of IFIA
and
the General Secretary and CEO of the IEC

Hilary Reid Evans

I.C. IFIA, Director General

Date... 13th June 2016

IEC, General Secretary and CEO

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