

Memorandum of Understanding
Between
The National Measurement Office of the United Kingdom of
Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and
The General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine
of the People's Republic of China
on Cooperation in the Field of Legal Metrology

The National Measurement Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (NMO) and The General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China (AQSIQ) (here referred to as the Participants), for the purpose of promoting cooperation in the field of the legal metrology between the two countries, have reached the following understanding.

Article 1

The Participants agree to conduct exchange and cooperative activities in the field of the legal metrology on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit.

Article 2

The Participants agree to establish within the scope of their respective authorities cooperation in such areas of metrology as: metrological regulation; conformity control of measuring instruments; consumer protection; promotion of trade; international harmonisation of metrological regulation; wider markets for measuring instrument manufacturers; removal of barriers to trade in measuring instruments; competence of technicians and senior officials responsible for implementation of their national legal metrology systems; and in related fields as may be mutually agreed.

Article 3

The Participants agree that cooperation may take the following forms:

1. Organisation of joint symposia and workshops on the subjects of mutual interests;
2. Exchange and provision of information on metrological regulation, publications;
3. Exchange visits by specialists, engineers and senior management officials in the field of legal metrology, for the purpose of sharing information and experience, delivering lectures, training or undertaking other relevant assignments; when it is identified and possible, other representatives from business enterprises may be included;
4. Arrangements for mutual acceptance of test information for type approval and certification of measuring instrument designs;
5. Sharing approaches to type approval of measuring instruments of new and/or innovative design; and
6. Any other forms of cooperation as mutually agreed upon.

Article 4

The cooperative arrangements for such exchange visits and financing involved in the organization of symposia and training referred above shall be agreed in advance through consultation on a case by case basis.

Article 5

In order to coordinate the related activities under this Memorandum of Understanding, each Participant shall designate one named representative to be responsible for determining the individual projects. In the event that for any reason a change of designated person is required then the other Participant will be notified in writing.

Article 6

The Participants shall meet at least once every two years to discuss and review this Memorandum of Understanding. The participants will also review at least every two years the implementation of the arrangements mentioned in Article 3(4) and any need for updating relevant procedures; this review may be combined with the Review of this Memorandum or be organised separately. This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into effect on the date of signature for a period of five years. This Memorandum of Understanding will be amended or supplemented at any time as agreed in writing between the Participants.

Signed in London on the 25th day of September, 2014 in duplicate, in the Chinese and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.



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