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- Words used in the singular form include the plural and vice versa.
- Words used in the masculine form include the feminine.
- Words used in the present tense include the present as well as the future.
- The word “person” or “persons” and their related pronouns (he, his, him, they, their, them) refer to a natural and legal person.



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Article 1

In this Law, the following terms shall have the meanings assigned thereto, unless the context requires otherwise:

Organization: Saudi Standards, Metrology, and Quality Organization.

Board: Board of Directors of the Organization.

Statute: Statute of the Organization.

Minister: Minister of Commerce and Investment.

Chairman: Chairman of the Board.

Governor: Governor of the Organization.

Member: Board member.

Article 2

The Saudi Standards, Metrology, and Quality Organization shall be a public organization with an independent corporate personality enjoying financial and administrative autonomy, and it shall report to the Minister of Commerce and Investment. Its headquarters shall be in the City of Riyadh, and it may establish branches or offices within the Kingdom as needed.

Article 3

Within its powers, the Organization shall aim to achieve the following:

1. Issue Saudi standards, quality management systems (QMS), and guides thereof as well as conformity procedures, which conform to international standards and guides, satisfy the requirements of the World Trade Organization (WTO) agreement in this regard, comply with Sharia, and serve the interests of the Kingdom;
2. Ensure health, environmental protection, and public safety through the technical standards and regulations approved by the Organization; and



3. Ensure the quality of national products through the adoption of suitable Saudi standards that enable national products to compete in domestic and international markets, and work towards protecting Saudi markets against fraudulent and counterfeit commodities.

Article 4

Without prejudice to the powers of other agencies as provided for in the law, particularly the tasks related to products and materials under the jurisdiction of the Food and Drug General Authority, the Organization shall assume regulatory, executive, and control tasks related to standards, metrology, and quality, including establishing and adopting Saudi standards for commodities, products, and services, as well as metrological and calibration devices, conformity tests, and the issuance of certificates thereof, accreditation of laboratories and entities awarding QMS certificates, in addition to specifying sampling techniques, technical testing and inspection methods, and QMSs, specifying the technical principles and conditions of execution, classifications, blueprints, terms, definitions, and codes, as well as other standards, metrology, calibration, and quality-related matters decided by the Board. To this end, the Organization may:

1. Publish adopted standards in the manner it deems appropriate. Said standards shall be valid upon publication in the Official Gazette;
2. Issue regulations for conformity assessment procedures of commodities, products, and services pursuant to adopted standards;
3. Issue regulations for quality mark licensing procedures of local and imported products that conform to adopted national standards and grant usufructuary rights thereof as well as implementing such regulations;
4. Issue regulations for the procedures of granting registration certificates to QMSs, environment and safety systems, and other systems adopted by the Board, as well as implementing such regulations;
5. Grant quality marks for products, provided that the granting of quality marks for grantable products within the jurisdiction of the Food and Drug General Authority shall be upon the Authority's approval;



6. Promote necessary awareness with regard to standards, quality, conformity, metrology, and calibration assessment procedures;
7. Coordinate efforts pertaining to standards, quality, conformity, metrology, and calibration assessment procedures in the Kingdom, and achieve mutual recognition with counterparts in other countries;
8. Implement the National System of Metrology and Calibration in the Kingdom;
9. Ensure the implementation of adopted Saudi standards and conformity assessment procedure regulations, in coordination with relevant agencies;
10. Grant conformity certificates to local and export-oriented products;
11. Carry out accreditation works, including the accreditation of laboratories and entities granting QMS certificates;
12. Build a database in the Organization's field(s) and exchange information with local, regional, and international agencies;
13. Conduct research and studies, provide consulting services related to its work and activities, and cooperate with companies, organizations, universities, scientific research centers, and other similar agencies;
14. Review and develop control laws and regulations related to the Organization's field and propose amendments thereto in order to satisfy quality and safety requirements, and refer the same to competent authorities for review and issuance, in accordance with applicable procedures;
15. Act as a notifying and information providing agency with regard to WTO's Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade; and
16. Join regional and international organizations concerned with standards, metrology, calibration, and quality, and represent the Kingdom therein.

Article 5

Implementation of standards shall be mandatory. Certain Saudi standards or categories thereof may be implemented optionally, pursuant to a Board resolution. When developing and approving optional Saudi standards, the Organization shall



not undermine:

1. Safety and public health
2. Consumer protection
3. Public interest

Article 6

1. Subject to Article 4 of this Statute, the Organization shall be the only authority in the Kingdom in matters relating to standards, conformity assessment procedures, and granting of quality, metrology, and calibration marks. All public and private sectors shall comply with Saudi standards in all purchases and activities.
2. No phrase, advertisement, or logo may be affixed to a commodity as a confirmation of conformity to Saudi standards without the Organization's written consent.
3. No metrological units other than those provided for in Saudi Standards and the National Metrology and Calibration System may be used.

Article 7

The Organization's National Metrology and Calibration Center is the national authority in charge of verifying the accuracy of the metrological and testing instruments used in industrial and service facilities in all sectors, and the granting of calibration certificates therefor.

Article 8

The Organization shall have a board chaired by the Minister of Commerce and Investment, comprising the following:

1. Minister of Commerce and Investment, Chairman.
2. Governor, Vice-Chairman.
3. A representative from the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs, member.
4. Two representatives from the Ministry of Interior (General Department of Traffic



and General Directorate of Civil Defense), members.

5. A representative from the Ministry of Environment, Water, and Agriculture, member.
6. A representative from the Ministry of Health, member.
7. A representative from the Ministry of Commerce and Investment, member.
8. A representative from the Ministry of Energy, member
9. A representative from the Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources, member.
10. A representative from the Ministry of Finance (Customs Authority), member.
11. A representative from the Saudi Food and Drug Authority, member.
12. Three businessmen nominated by the Chairman upon coordination with the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Saudi Chambers of Commerce and Industry. Their appointment shall be pursuant to a resolution by the Council of Ministers, members.

Representatives of government agencies in the Board shall be of a rank not lower than Grade 14 or its equivalent.

Article 9

The Board shall be the authority in charge of managing the Organization and running its affairs. It shall issue all the decisions necessary to achieve the Organization's objectives in accordance with the provisions of this Statute, and it shall in particular:

1. Set the general policy of the Organization, and monitor its implementation;
2. Approve the organizational chart of the Organization for submission, as per applicable procedures;
3. Issue resolutions and implementing regulations relating to the Organization's work procedure;
4. Approve the final version of Saudi standards and means of implementation thereof;
5. Approve regulations relating to works provided by the Organization to third parties;



6. Appoint one or more auditors of the Organization's accounts, determine their fees, and approve their reports;
7. Approve technical cooperation programs between the Organization and other standardization agencies;
8. Issue administrative by-laws for the Organization and issue financial regulations in agreement with the Ministry of Finance;
9. Review periodic reports on the Organization's performance;
10. Approve the Organization's draft budget, final account, comptroller's report, and annual report for submission as per applicable procedures;
11. Issue the regulations necessary for the implementation of this Statute;
12. Determine the charges for the services rendered by the Organization within its field, provided that the proceeds from such services are channeled into an independent account to be expended from for purposes determined by the Board in accordance with rules set by it; and
13. Accept gifts, subsidies, grants, aids, bequests, and endowments as per applicable procedures.
14. The Board may form standing or ad hoc committees comprising Board members or others, and entrust them with the tasks it deems fit. The resolution forming a given committee shall name its head and members, and specify its powers. A committee may seek the assistance of any person it deems necessary to carry out the task assigned thereto.
15. The Board may delegate certain powers to the Governor, provided that such delegation is done pursuant to a written resolution.

Article 10

1. The Board shall convene once every four months upon a call by the Chairman. It shall also convene upon the request of at least half its members. The call for the meeting shall include the agenda. A Board meeting shall not be deemed valid unless attended by a majority of members including the Chairman.



Resolutions shall pass by a majority vote of attending members. In case of a tie, the Chairman of the meeting shall have the casting vote.

2. Board meetings shall be held at the Organization's headquarters. Said meetings, if necessary and pursuant to a Board resolution, may be held elsewhere in the Kingdom.
3. The Board may, pursuant to the Chairman's consent, allow whomever it deems fit to attend Board meetings in a non-voting capacity to provide information and clarifications.
4. A member may not vote by proxy. A member may state his objection and grounds therefor in the minutes of Board resolutions.
5. A member may not disclose any of the Organization's confidential information to which he becomes privy by virtue of his membership in the Board.

Article 11

The Organization shall have a governor holding the rank of Grade Excellent appointed pursuant to a nomination by the Chairman. The Governor shall be the executive officer in charge of managing the Organization. His responsibilities shall be within the provisions of this Statute and Board resolutions. He shall exercise the following powers:

1. Propose the Organization's plans and programs, and oversee their implementation upon the Board's approval.
2. Oversee the Organization's draft budget and final account as well as its annual report in preparation for submission to the Board.
3. Authorize disbursement within budget allocations.
4. Propose draft implementing regulations and executive decisions relating to the Organization's performance and present the same to the Board.
5. Oversee the Organization's personnel and workers as per the powers vested in him and as specified by the regulations.
6. Pursue the implementation of Board resolutions.



7. Submit periodic reports to the Board on the Organization's performance, and prepare an annual report on the Organization's activities.
8. Appoint the Organization's employees in accordance with governing rules.
9. Represent the Organization before judicial authorities, government agencies, and others. The Governor may delegate such power to certain officials in the Organization.
10. Approve scholarships for Organization employees to study and train within the Kingdom and abroad, in accordance with governing rules.
11. Approve the participation of the Organization's staff in conferences, symposiums, programs, seminars, and visits related to the objectives and fields of the Organization, within the Kingdom and abroad, in accordance with laws and regulations.
12. Approve the organization of conferences, symposiums, and meetings related to the Organization's fields, in accordance with governing laws and directives.
13. Other tasks assigned by the Board.

The Governor may delegate certain powers to any of the Organization's officials as he deems fit, pursuant to a written decision and for a specific period.

Article 12

The Organization shall have an independent annual budget which shall be prepared and issued according to the procedures for issuing the State's public budget. The Organization's fiscal year shall be that of the State.

Article 13

The Organization's revenues shall consist of the following:

1. Allocations in the State budget;
2. Gifts, subsidies, grants, bequests, endowments, and aids accepted by the Organization in accordance with rules set by the Board;
3. Charges for the issuance of standards, quality regulations, conformity



procedures, metrology and calibration related works, publications, and newsletters as well as the services rendered to others in its relevant area of specialization, as per relevant regulations approved by the Board.

4. Revenues generated from the movable and immovable property it owns or possesses.
5. Other revenues the Board decides to add to the Organization's funds.

Article 14

Without prejudice to the power of the General Auditing Bureau to audit the Organization's accounts, the Board shall appoint one or more auditors of natural or corporate personality who meet auditor requirements, and determine their remuneration. In case of multiple auditors, they shall be jointly liable. The auditor's report shall be submitted to the Board and a copy thereof shall be furnished to the General Auditing Bureau.

Article 15

The Organization shall submit its final account to the Council of Ministers within a maximum period of three months from the date of the end of the fiscal year. It shall also submit an annual report on its activities to the Prime Minister within 90 days from the end of the fiscal year. The General Auditing Bureau shall be provided with a copy of the Organization's final account.

Article 16

This Statute shall supersede the Law of the Saudi Arabian Standards Organization, issued pursuant to Royal Decree No. (M/10) dated 3/3/1392H, and shall enter into force from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.