



# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

**POLISH CENTRE FOR ACCREDITATION  
(PCA)**

**AND**

**CENTER FOR ACCREDITATION  
UNDER THE UZSTANDARD AGENCY  
(O'ZAKK)**

## **PREAMBLE**

The Polish Centre for Accreditation (PCA) and Center for Accreditation under the Uzstandard agency (O'ZAKK), hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Participants", and separately – as a "Participant",

assuming the priority of documents and principles adopted by the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation and International Accreditation Forum,

expressing the mutual commitment to further promote mutual understanding, to develop and strengthen cooperation in the field of accreditation,

seeking to facilitate the exchange of experience in accreditation of conformity assessment bodies,

have concluded this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "Memorandum") on the following:

### **PARAGRAPH 1**

#### **PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

Participants ascertain that collaborative activities will be based on international standards and the principles adopted by international co-operations in accreditation, bearing in mind areas of mutual interests, inter alia, accreditation of conformity assessment bodies, training and development of personnel, and exchange of information.

### **PARAGRAPH 2**

#### **COOPERATION ACTIVITIES**

Participants have decided to:

- a) if necessary, exchange information on accreditation matters. documents (instructions, procedures, policies, information bulletins etc.) and laws in the field of accreditation and conformity assessment,
- b) organize joint workshops, subject-specific seminars and conferences on the practice of accreditation of conformity assessment bodies,
- c) cooperate in matters relating to training and professional development of accreditation personnel by means of exchange of experts and their involvement in the accreditation of conformity assessment bodies,
- d) exchange experience in implementing international standards in the field of accreditation,
- e) promote the participation of the laboratories accredited by them in inter-laboratory comparisons and proficiency testing programs,
- f) upon request, exchange assessors in which tariffs will be charged according to the relevant rules and separate mutual agreement between the Participants,

- g) organize study visits for lead assessors and technical experts for witnessing, observing and working in the partner's assessment teams the areas of common interest.

### **PARAGRAPH 3**

#### **FUNDING**

The duration of the visits, training programs and all related issues including expenses will be agreed by both Participants in advance of implementing aforementioned activities.

### **PARAGRAPH 4**

#### **CONFIDENTIALITY**

Information, including documents and materials, obtained under this Memorandum, will be deemed confidential and may not be transferred to third parties without the written consent of a Participant that has provided such information.

### **PARAGRAPH 5**

#### **FOCAL POINTS AND COORDINATION**

For the purpose of coordinating and ensuring the effective implementation, the Participants will designate focal points within two months of the entry into effect of this Memorandum and inform the other side with the contact information

The Participants may also coordinate with other related institutions at the national level while implementing provisions of this Memorandum.

### **PARAGRAPH 6**

#### **AMENDMENTS**

By mutual consent of the Participants this Memorandum may be amended or supplemented by separate protocols, which will form its integral part and they will come into effect in accordance with the procedure envisaged in this Memorandum.

### **PARAGRAPH 7**

#### **DISPUTE SETTLEMENT**

Any disagreements relating to the interpretation or application of this Memorandum will be resolved through consultations and negotiations.

### **PARAGRAPH 8**

#### **FINAL PROVISIONS**

This Memorandum does not constitute an international treaty and will not create rights and obligations governed by international law.

## PARAGRAPH 9

### VALIDITY, ENTRY INTO FORCE AND TERMINATION

This Memorandum is concluded for the period of three (3) years and will come into effect from the date of signature by both Participants.

This Memorandum will automatically be extended for successive periods of three (3) years, unless one of the Participants notifies the other in writing of its intention to terminate this Memorandum in six (6) months prior to the expiration of validity or intended date of termination.

Termination of this Memorandum will not affect the implementation of any ongoing activities or projects unless Participants stipulated otherwise in writing.

This Memorandum of Understanding herein is signed at city of Tashkent on 27<sup>th</sup> of April 2021 in duplicate, each in Uzbek, Polish and English languages, all texts being equally valid. In the case of divergence in interpretation of this Memorandum of Understanding, the English text will prevail.

**FOR**  
**THE POLISH ACCREDITATION CENTER**  
**(PCA)**



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