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COOPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF

ISRAEL

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC

OF TURKEY

IN THE FIELD OF

STANDARDIZATION, CONFORMITY

ASSESSMENT AND METROLOGY

The Government of the State of Israel and the Government of the Republic of Turkey (hereinafter referred to as the 'Parties');

Having regard to Article 19 of the Agreement Establishing a Free Trade Area between the State of Israel and the Republic of Turkey, signed between the Parties, on 14 March 1996;

Wishing to eliminate technical barriers to trade between the Parties;

Recalling the principles and definitions of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade of the World Trade Organization;

Wishing to develop cooperation in the field of standardization, technical regulations, conformity assessment and metrology;

Recalling the regulations adopted by international standardization organisations;

In accordance with economic interests of the Parties;

Without prejudice to their international rights and obligations;

Have reached the following Agreement:

Article 1

In implementing this Agreement, the Parties shall be governed by their applicable legislation.

Article 2

1. For the purpose of this Agreement, the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labour of the State of Israel through the Commissioner of Standardization and Undersecretariat of the Prime Ministry for Foreign Trade of the Republic of Turkey through the DG of Standardization for Foreign Trade shall be the Cooperating Authorities (hereinafter referred to as the "Cooperating Authorities").
2. The Cooperating Authorities hereby establish a Standardization Coordination Committee, which shall meet annually or upon request, in order to discuss matters concerning this Agreement including the implementation of future

cooperation, and exchange and examine the concerns of the Parties relating to technical barriers to trade.

3. The Standardization Coordination Committee shall examine the possibility of mutual recognition in the field of conformity assessment procedures, in light of international rights and obligations of both Parties.
4. Each Cooperating Authority shall inform the other of the designation of its Contact Point.

The Contact point shall provide relevant documents, ensure smooth flow of information between the Parties, answer all reasonable inquiries and endeavour to find prompt solutions to problems encountered by producers or exporters concerning technical barriers to bilateral trade.

5. The Cooperating Authorities may establish working groups under the Standardization Coordination Committee at any time provided both Parties agree by exchange of letters to take charge of the specific liaison work for consultation and technical cooperation.
6. If any changes occur in the names or functions of any of the Cooperating Authorities or the Contact Points, the relevant Party shall notify the other Party without any delay, in writing.

Article 3

The Cooperating Authorities may develop cooperation relating to standardization, conformity assessment and metrology, in the fields of mutual interests which may include the following:

1. Elimination of unnecessary obstacles to trade relating to technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures;
2. Adoption of international standards as national standards for elimination of technical barriers to trade and for promotion of scientific co-operation in the field of standardization, conformity assessment and metrology;
3. Development of direct relationship between the specialized bodies on standardization, conformity assessment and metrology of both Parties.

Article 4

Following the signing of an Agreement on Conformity Assessment and Acceptance of Industrial Products (hereinafter-ACAA) between Israel and the European Union, the Standardization Coordination Committee shall explore the possibility of concluding a parallel ACAA between the Parties with a view to enhance the flow of their bilateral trade.

Article 5

The Parties shall exchange:

1. Legislation, regulations, rules and other information and periodicals published by the national bodies for standardization, metrology and conformity assessment;
2. Catalogues of the national standards and, upon request, detailed national standards;
3. General information and publications on conformity assessment, list of products subject to mandatory certification, certification bodies, including notified bodies, designation and accreditation of testing laboratories;
4. Information on market surveillance, including methods and extent thereof; as well as on the results of products which are found dangerous and/or unsafe;
5. Information and materials regarding the training programs and improvement of specialists' qualification in the field of standardization, conformity assessment and metrology.

Article 6

The Parties agree to cooperate with a view to exchange delegations of specialists and trainers to study each others' experience, provide consulting services and training of the experts in the field of standardization, conformity assessment and metrology, jointly hold seminars in the fields of standardization, certification, quality and metrology, and conduct cooperative research on projects of mutual interest.