

EOS comments on D-8 Member states strategy plan on standardization, conformity assessment, metrology and accreditation for the period of 2016-2020

Item	EOS comments
<p><u>Standardization:</u></p> <p>1- Removing technical barriers to trade and facilitating exchange of goods through promoting the use of international standards among member states.</p>	<p>Agree to this item but consideration should be taken regarding any technical regulation that endorses any standard as mandatory requirement.</p>
<p>3- Supporting each other's proposals for developing new international standards.</p>	<p>Agree to this item. Each of D-8 members should coordinate with the regional standardization organizations in this regard in order to ensure the optimum number of votes as a mechanism for executing this strategic objective.</p>
<p>4- Supporting each other at international standardization organizations such as ISO, IEC and SMILC</p>	<p>Agree to this point. Each of D-8 members should coordinate with the regional standardization organizations in this regard, keeping in mind that each country has the right for objection according to its own interests (for example: standards related to water issue).</p>
<p>5- Encouraging member states to adopt OIC/SMILC halal standards as the national standards.</p>	<p>The already developed OIC/SMILC standards need to be subjected to systematic review procedure to</p>

		ensure the considerations of SMILC member countries' opinions and requirements concerning these standards.
<u>Conformity Assessment:</u>		
1- Providing technical consulting services in the field of test laboratories.		The costs of this consultation should be diminished or free of charge for D-8 member countries.
3- Collaborating among member states in the field of Halal Certification based on relevant OIC/SMILC Standards adopted by SMILC.		Agree in principal to this item; however it needs further agreement upon the references, mechanisms and measures required to be fulfilled in the certification bodies.
4- Encouraging member states' producers to obtain CE marking from other member states who have notified bodies for the purpose of exporting their products to EU countries.		Costs should be less than other notified bodies.
6- Exploring the potential cooperation among member states in the field of Pre-Shipments Inspection (PSI) Services.		Inspection should be conducted through the national bodies that fulfill the requirements of the international norms.
<u>Accreditation:</u>		
1- Supporting each other at international accreditation organizations such as IAF, ILAC, EA, ARAC and SMILC AC.		Need more clarification about the way of this support.
2- Transferring information and experience as well as providing training and technical support by the national accreditation bodies of member states for the countries not having any national		Needs an agreement on costs of such activities.

<p>accreditation body or the countries having national accreditation body without international recognition.</p>	
<p>3- Recognizing and supporting the accreditation of Halal product certification and related activities of SMILC Accreditation Committee by the member states.</p>	<p>Egypt rejects this procedure. Accreditation of Halal product certification should be done through the national accreditation bodies that acquire international recognition in each of D-8 member countries. In case of a country that not having such accreditation body, collaboration with other countries of D-8 should be considered in order to facilitate this procedure.</p>
<p><u>Capacity Building and Training:</u> 1- Organizing training and capacity building programmes in the fields of standardization, conformity assessment (testing, inspection, surveillance and certification) in order to develop human resources and institutional capacity.</p>	<p>Agree in principal considering further coordination about the venue and costs.</p>

Note:

The items that previously mentioned are those that required comments by EOS, while the other non-mentioned items are agreed upon without any comments.

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