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DRAFT LAW ON STANDARDS AND METROLOGY

Law No. () of the Year 1999

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SECTION ONE

General Provisions

Article 1: Name of Law and Entry into Force

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measurements, alone or in conjunction with supplementary device(s).

Calibration: Set of operations that establish relationship between values of quantities indicated by a measuring instrument and the corresponding values realized by reference measurement standards.

Measurement Standard (etalon): A measuring instrument or reference material intended to define a unit or value(s) of a quantity and serve as a comparison with other measuring units.

Reference Measurement Standard: A standard having the highest metrological characteristics available at a given location, from which measurements made there are derived.

Quality Mark: The mark, which is granted to a product that indicates that the product meets the approved standards or technical regulations as a minimum requirement, and other requirements stipulated by the Institution.

Certificate of Conformity: Document providing assurance that the duly identified product, process or production method or service or the administrative provisions are in conformity with a specific standard or technical regulation.

Accreditation: The formal recognition that a body or person is competent to carry out specific tasks.

Accredited Laboratory: A laboratory that has been recognized by a competent authority as being competent to carry out specific tasks.

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of national industry and local production of commodities through the application of suitable Jordanian standards, which enable such products to compete on local and international markets.

Article 5: Functions of the Institution

a- To achieve the objectives set out in this Law, the Institution shall have the authority to undertake the following functions:

1. Prepare, approve, revise, amend and monitor the implementation of standards and technical regulations with regards to all goods and products, with the exception of pharmaceutical products and medicines, veterinary medicines, serums and vaccines.
2. Establish a national system of measurement and supervise its implementation;
3. Calibrate, control and supervise the implementation of measuring instruments;
4. Approve the national measurement standards (etalons) and reference measurement standards necessary for calibrating measuring instruments;
5. Control the quality of

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Article 6: Status of the Institution

The Institution of Standards and Metrology shall ~~enact~~ ^{enact} all exemptions and facilities provided for all other ministries and public departments.

Article 7: Budget of the Institution

- a- The Institution shall have an independent ~~budget~~ ^{budget}, to be administered in accordance with the regulations in force. The ~~budget~~ ^{budget} shall be audited annually by the Auditing Bureau, and the Institution may appoint an auditor for this purpose.
- b- The funds of the Institution shall be ~~considered~~ ^{considered} as public property, and due payments prior to or after the enforcement of this Law shall be collected pursuant to the collection of Public Property Law in force.
- c- The Institution shall follow in regulating ~~its~~ ^{its} accounts and books the rules and principles of commercial accounting.
- d- The Institution shall be responsible for preparing a report of its activities at the end of each fiscal year to be submitted to the Cabinet, along with its general budget. These should be submitted before the end of March of the following year.

CHAPTER TWO

The Institution's Board of Directors and the Director General

Article 8: Composition of the Board of Directors of the Institution

a- The Board of Directors of the Institution shall constitute of the following :

- The Minister (Chairman)
- The Director General (Vice-Chairman)
- Representative from the Ministry of Industry and Trade
- Representative from the Ministry of Health
- Representative from the Ministry of Public Works and Housing
- Representative from the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources
- Representative from the Public Institution for Environmental Protection
- Representative from the Ministry of Water and Irrigation
- Representative from the Ministry of Agriculture
- Representative from the Royal Scientific Society
- Representative of one of the Union of the Chambers of Industry
- Representative of one of the Union of the Chambers of Trade
- Representative of the Jordanian Society of Consumer Protection

b- The members of the Board who are representatives of the authorities mentioned in paragraph

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resignation or discharge of any member from the Board's membership.

- d- Remuneration for the members of the Board shall be determined by the Cabinet upon the recommendation of the Minister.
- e- The Board shall convene its meetings upon invitation from the Chairman at least once

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specialized in the field of activities related to the Institution.

Any other task decided by the Board or designated pursuant to the articles of this law.

b- The Director General shall be entitled to

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10. In addition to what is stated in this Law, the Institution shall apply the "Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards" in accordance with instructions issued by the Board for this purpose.

CHAPTER TWO Conformity with Technical Regulations and Standards

Article 12: Conformity Assessment Procedures to Jordanian Standards or Technical Regulations

One- Where relevant international guides or recommendations exist, they shall be used as a basis for the preparation of conformity assessment procedures, except when such international guides or recommendations are determined to be ineffective or inappropriate to fulfil certain purposes such as national security requirements; the prevention of deceptive

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provisions are secret and confidential and are performing official duties in the execution of this Law shall consider and handle them accordingly.

Article 13: Inspection to Verify Compliance with the Technical Regulations

One- Any Jordanian technical regulation shall be applied to local products and like imported products without unjustified discrimination. No product or material shall be imported into the Kingdom or produced therein, unless it complies with the technical regulation for that product or material.

Two- Upon a written authorization by the Director General, any employee of the Institution may inspect and search any shop, factory, warehouse, city or market, and take samples of the products, material, measuring units or industrial waste therein or of products produced manufactured therein, or of by products thereof, in order to test, examine, analyze and calibrate them for purpose of verifying their compliance with the technical regulations.

Three- In certain cases and subject to valid reasons, the Board shall be entitled to exempt any product from the provisions of this Article.

Four- The Ministries, public departments, public institutions, municipal and rural boards shall comply with the technical regulations in carrying out their activities, projects, tender terms, and purchases of products and materials.

Five- The owners of factories shall be responsible for compliance with the technical regulations for the products produced and the ma

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methods of production to such requirements.

c- Notwithstanding what is stated in the above paragraphs, where urgent problems of safety, health, environmental protection or national security arise, the Institution may adopt a technical regulation or conformity assessment procedure immediately upon their issuance, provided they are promptly published thereafter in the Official Gazette. The Institution shall notify the authority in the Kingdom responsible for notifying the World Trade Organization with the decision to adopt the technical regulation or conformity assessment procedure and shall take the written comments it receives into account

Article 19:

One- Notwithstanding what was stated in any other legislation, all official bodies entitled to issue technical regulation pursuant to their respective law shall comply with 5) (the provisions of) Law No. 20

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instructions issued by the Board for that purpose.

Two- The Director General may accept the membership of any natural or corporate identity to benefit from privileges of the services provided by the Information Center in accordance with instructions issued by the Board which determine the membership terms and fees.

Article 21:

For the purposes of Article (20/a) of this Law, official bodies shall within five days of being so requested provide the Institution with all the necessary information concerning the technical regulations, conformity assessment procedures copies of such to enable the Institution to

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SECTION FIVE

Procedures and Sanctions for Non-Compliance and Illegal Activities

Article 24:

- a- The Institution shall be authorized to send a written notice to the producer of any product found not to be in conformity with a technical regulation, requiring compliance of the product within a specified period.
- Two- If the producer of the product or material referred to in paragraph (a) of this Article does not comply with the technical regulation within the specified period, the Chairman, upon the recommendation of the Director General, shall order the closure of the shop, factory, warehouse, or facility containing the product or material for a period he deems necessary.

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