

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE FEDERAL SERVICE FOR ACCREDITATION
(THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION)
AND
GCC ACCREDITATION CENTER
(THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA)
ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ACCREDITATION

The Federal Service for Accreditation (the Russian Federation) and the GCC Accreditation Center (the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) hereinafter referred as the “Parties” have reached the understanding:

1. Purpose and Application of the MOU

- 1.1 The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to provide a framework for the Parties’ cooperation in the field of accreditation
- 1.2 This MOU is a record of the understanding between the Parties for the cooperation and is not legally binding. It is not intended to create and does not create any legally binding rights, liabilities or obligations under any domestic or international law on the part of either Party or any other person

2. Scope of the MOU

This MOU covers the relationship between Federal Service for Accreditation (the Russian Federation) and GCC Accreditation Center (the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) on matters of accreditation in general and the matters of Halal accreditation in particular

3. Areas of Cooperation

The Parties will cooperate in the following areas:

- a. assessment of conformity assessment bodies applying for accreditation or already accredited by Parties
- b. attendance of seminars and training courses organised by the other Party

- c. arrangement for conformity assessment bodies' participation in proficiency testing programmes organised by the other Party
- d. exchange of experience and technical information on accreditation; and
- e. introduction of experts to the other Party according to the needs of such Party and subject to the availability of experts

4. Confidentiality

Both Parties will keep the information obtained through the implementation of this MOU, including the information of applicant conformity assessment bodies or accredited conformity assessment bodies, confidential

5. Commencement, Amendment and Termination

- 5.1 This MOU will be applied from the date of its signing and is applied unless and until terminated. Other party may at any time terminate application of this MOU by giving ta written notification to other Party 90 days in advance
- 5.2 This MOU may be amended by consent of the Parties agreed upon. Such amendments will be introduced in writing to the MOU
- 5.3 Annexes on specific cooperation fields may be added to the MOU if mutually agreed upon
- 5.4 Any disagreements between the Parties arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this MOU will be settled amicably by consultation between the Parties

Signed in Kyoto on 7 June 2018 in duplicate in Arabic, Russian and English languages. In case of any divergence in interpretation the English text will be used.

**For the
Federal Service for Accreditation
(the Russian Federation)**



**For the
GCC Accreditation Center
(the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)**

