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### TURKISH STANDARDS INSTITUTION (TSE) INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES

Having been established in 1960, TSE is the national standards body of Turkey who operates in diverse fields of the quality infrastructure that includes certification, testing, training as well as surveillance and inspection activities. TSE is an active member of the world standardization community; with its full membership of International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) since 1956, European Committee for Standardization (CEN) and European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC) since 2012.

Turkish Standards Institution is one of the leader corporations in the area of standardization, metrology, conformity assessment and surveillance and inspection. In the meantime, TSE executes the Presidency of the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC) with its 31 member countries whose objectives are to cooperate in standardization, metrology and to prepare halal standards for Islamic world.

In addition to this, TSE also performs the Presidency and Secretariat of Inter-regional Standardization Association (IRSA) with its 12 member countries from Middle Asia and Caucasia region.

Furthermore, TSE has 5 representative offices in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Saudi Arabia as well as 38 Partner Solutions/Branches in 27 countries worldwide.

TSE signs bilateral cooperation protocols with equivalent standardization organizations for strengthening cooperation in standardization, conformity assessment, metrology and other related fields; developing bilateral trade flow, eliminating technical barriers to trade and protecting economical and commercial benefits of Turkey. The abovementioned cooperation protocols consist of standardization, conformity assessment, and cooperation in the field of surveillance and inspection (especially pre-shipment inspection), document exchange, mutual expert exchange and training support as well as mutual support at regional and international platforms. Up till now, TSE concluded bilateral protocols with 98 organizations from 78 countries.

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