

ISO Regional Workshop on Conformity Assessment



Conformity Assessment for sustainable development and trade

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Introduction

Products and services are like promises. Business customers, consumers, users and public officials have expectations about products and services relating to features like quality, ecology, safety, economy, reliability, compatibility, interoperability, efficiency and effectiveness. Conformity assessment means evaluating and confirming such features as defined in standards, regulations and other specifications. In this way, conformity assessment makes sure that products and services deliver on their promises.



Conformity assessment may consist of any one of, some of, or all of the following: sample testing, inspection, process evaluation, supplier's declaration of conformity, management system certification/registration, personnel certification, product certification, mutual recognition of results and the accreditation and peer assessment of the competence of the organizations conducting these activities – collectively known as “conformity assessment bodies”. ISO and IEC have recently updated the international standards and guides for all these activities.

ISO/IEC standards and guides on conformity assessment provide benefits for manufacturers and service providers, consumers and government regulators, as well as for international trade.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the workshop is to provide information on the latest international standards and guides that set out the internationally agreed practices for conformity assessment activities. The workshop will be an opportunity to improve understanding of what is expected by WTO agreements in relation to conformity assessment procedures, including supplier's declarations of conformity (SDoC), management systems and product certification, and methods for providing added confidence in conformity assessment results such as accreditation, peer assessment and mutual recognition arrangements (MRAs).



The target audience for the workshop include senior trade policy specialists, standardization officials, economists, regulatory policy specialists, manufacturers, certification and accreditation bodies from the



countries that are members of the Association of Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization AIDMO.

The workshop is hosted by the Jordan Institute for Standards and Metrology (JISM) and sponsored by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

Programme

9 April 2006

08:30 Registration

09:00-10:30 **Welcome**

Dr. Yaseen Khayyat

Director General, Jordan Institution
for Standards and Metrology

Mr. Alan Bryden

Secretary-General, International
Organization for Standardization

Dr. Talaat Al Dafer

Director General, Arab Industrial
Development and Mining Organization

Mr. Sharif Ali Zu'bi

Minister of Industry and Trade

10:30 *Morning break*

11:00-13:00 **The Importance of conformity
assessment in sustainable
development and trade**

Conformity Assessment
in the AIDMO region

Mr. Gerardo Pataconi, United Nations
Industrial Development Organization,
UNIDO

Recent developments in conformity
assessment and market confidence
in marks of conformity

Mr. Peter Dennehy, ISO/CASCO
Secretary

Cooperation with BAM as a result
of the European Jordanian Twinning
Agreement in the context of the EU MEDA
Cooperation

Ms. Rula Madant, Director General
Assistant for Technical Affairs, Jordan
Institution for Standards and Metrology

Chairperson

Mr. Andrew Yell, Vice President of BIVAC

13:00 *Lunch*

14:00-15:00 **International Standards for SDoC and
management systems certification**

Supplier's Declaration of Conformity
(SDoC) and ISO/IEC 17050, parts 1 & 2

Mr. Peter Dennehy, ISO/CASCO
Secretary

International standards and guides –
Management system certification
(ISO/IEC 17021 and ISO 19011)

Mr. Alister Dalrymple, International
Director, AFAQ France, Co-convenor
ISO/CASCO WG 21

Chairperson

Mr. Omar Abu Wishah, Director General,
Petra Engineering Industries Company

15:00 *Afternoon break*

15:30-17:00 **Inspection systems**

Inspection International requirements and
auditing practices for ISO/IEC 17020

Mr. Hugo Eberhardt, CEOC President

Chairperson

Dr. Naseem Haddad, Director of the
Mechanical Design and Technology
Center, Royal Scientific Society, Jordan



09:00-10:30 Product certification

International standards and guides –
Product certification (ISO/IEC Guides 67,
28, 53 and 65)

John McDonald, Convenor ISO/CASCO
Conformity Assessment promotion and
support group (CAPS)

Current and future product certification in
the AIDMO region

Mrs. Futoon Ramadan, Director of the
Certification Directorate, Jordan Institution
for Standards and Metrology

Chairperson

Mr. Peter Dennehy

10:30 Morning break

11:00-12:30 Providing confidence in certification – Accreditation

The role of accreditation in supporting
certification – IAF Multilateral Agreement
(MLA) and the IAF Cross Frontier Policy
on accreditation

Dr. Thomas Facklam, Chairman,
International Accreditation Forum,
Inc (IAF)

Current and future issues for accreditation
in the AIDMO region

Mrs. Ola Zawati, Director of the Jordan
Accreditation Commission, Jordan
Institution for Standards and Metrology

Chairperson

JISM to appoint

12:30 Lunch

13:30-14:30 Peer assessment and mutual acceptance of products

ISO/IEC 17040 – The new international
standard for peer assessment

Mr. Alister Dalrymple, International
Director, AFAQ France, Co-convenor
ISO/CASCO WG 21

Successful example of mutual acceptance
of product certificates – the IEC
certification schemes

Mr. Gabriel Barta, Head of technical
coordination, Secretary Conformity
Assessment Board (CAB, IEC)

Chairperson

Mr. Peter Dennehy

14:30-16:00 Making it all work – Mutual recognition and involvement in standards development

Mutual recognition – ISO/IEC Guide 68
and making MRAs work

Mr. Peter Dennehy

Update on the MRAs affecting AIDMO
countries and activation of MRA on
product certification in the AIDMO Region

Mr. Khaled Masri, President,
Standards Associates, LLC

Participation in international standards
development on conformity assessment
by AIDMO members

Mr. Aymen Mekki, Tunisian
Accreditation Council

Chairperson

Dr. Eva Sammour, Quality Assurance
Manager, Quality Food Company

16:00

Closing address

Mr. Alan Bryden, Secretary-General,
International Organization for
Standardization

