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A. SCOPE

This report gives basic information about the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC) in line with the mandates and objectives defined in its Statute.

B. INTRODUCTION

SMIIC, as affiliated to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), is relatively a new institution that actually launched its activities by the beginning of 2012 after the official formation of the General Secretariat.

The SMIIC General Secretariat has been continuing to place considerable emphasis on strengthening the infrastructure of SMIIC as well as the coordinating the future relationship and effective cooperation with its Member States and regional/international organizations.

SMIIC has positioned itself, by nature, as a common platform to make possible for the active participation of SMIIC Member States for the cooperation in the domain of standardization, metrology and accreditation.

C. DEVELOPMENTS

New Memberships to SMIIC

Membership applications of State of Qatar and Republic of Côte d'Ivoire were approved in the 15th Meeting of the SMIIC Board of Directors (BOD) which was held in Istanbul on 25 November 2017 and with new additions, the number of SMIIC Member States has increased to 35 along with 3 Observers.

New Developments within SMIIC

There have been several new developments in SMIIC, a Standardization Management Council (SMC) have been established for the execution of the standards development process under SMIIC enabling the utmost responsibility and contribution of the Member States. The existing committees for the metrology and accreditation activities have been re-structured as Councils which will function at the same level with SMC in the organization chart of SMIIC. A Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) has been established which will act as a consultative group and advice on the issues related to the governance, policy and activities of councils with the participation of OIC and its organs/international organizations/internationally recognized bodies/non-governmental organizations well known in their respective fields.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The new members of the Board of Directors (BOD) of were elected during the 12th General Assembly Meeting held on the 26th November 2017.

The thirteen (13) Member States elected to the Board of Directors for the 2018 – 2020 term, are as follows:

1. Republic of CAMEROON
2. Arab Republic of EGYPT
3. Islamic Republic of IRAN
4. Republic of IRAQ
5. Hashemite Kingdom of JORDAN
6. MALAYSIA
7. Kingdom of MOROCCO
8. Islamic Republic of PAKISTAN
9. Kingdom of SAUDI ARABIA
10. Republic of SUDAN
11. Republic of TUNISIA
12. Republic of TURKEY
13. UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as the Chairman, Republic of Turkey, Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Republic of Sudan were elected as the Vice-Chairman of the SMIIC BOD.

STANDARDIZATION MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Standardization Management Council is the organ assigned the task of coordinating the development of OIC/SMIIC standards in cooperation with Member States. Standardization Management Council shall coordinate and oversee the performance of the Technical Committees.

The nine (9) members of the SMC which were elected during the SMIIC 15th BOD held on the 25th of November 2017 for the 2018 – 2020 term, beginning on 01 January 2018 and ending on 31 December 2020 are:

1. People's Democratic Republic of ALGERIA
2. Republic of CAMEROON
3. Islamic Republic of IRAN
2. Republic of IRAQ
3. Hashemite Kingdom of JORDAN
4. Islamic Republic of PAKISTAN
5. Kingdom of SAUDI ARABIA
6. Republic of TURKEY
7. UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

The Islamic Republic of Pakistan was elected as the Chairman of the SMC for the 2018 – 2020 term during the SMIIC 16th BOD meeting held on the 02 April 2018.

METROLOGY COUNCIL (MC)

MC shall consist of a chair and members from national metrology institutes of the Member States and Observers of SMIIC.

Metrology forms the backbone of standards and is one of the main areas of concern for SMIIC. SMIIC aims to achieve uniformity in metrology and laboratory testing among Member States, for this purpose has established the SMIIC Metrology Council consisting of SMIIC Member State national metrology institutes.

ACCREDITATION COUNCIL (AC)

AC is the organ carrying out activities aimed at the establishment of an accreditation scheme in the OIC Member States. AC is responsible for supporting actions for establishing a sound accreditation system OIC-wide and raise awareness of accreditation concept within the Member States.

The twelve (12) Member States for the management of the Accreditation Council (AC) for the 2018 – 2020 term AC were elected during the SMIIC 15th BOD held on the 25th of November 2017.

1. People's Democratic Republic of ALGERIA
2. Republic of CAMEROON
3. Arab Republic of EGYPT
4. Islamic Republic of IRAN
5. Hashemite Kingdom of JORDAN
6. Kingdom of MOROCCO
7. Islamic Republic of PAKISTAN
8. Kingdom of SAUDI ARABIA
9. Republic of SUDAN
10. Republic of TUNISIA
11. Republic of TURKEY
12. UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Standing Advisory Committee shall act as a consultative group and advice on the issues related to the governance, policy and activities of Councils with the participation of OIC and its organs/international organizations/internationally recognized bodies/non-governmental organizations well known in their respective fields. The objective of the Standing Advisory Committee is to act as an independent robust advisory body to the Board of Directors to assure alignment with best international practices in the fields of standardization, metrology and accreditation.

D. ACTIVITIES:

1. Standardization Activities

1.1 Technical Committees (TCs)

Standards are prepared by bringing together all interested parties such as manufacturers, consumers and regulators of a particular material, product, process or service.

The process of standards creation in SMIIIC is carried out in working groups (WGs) under the direction of their parent technical committees (TCs).

The following TCs have been established and are working under the SMIIIC:

- TC1 Halal Food Issues
- TC2 Halal Cosmetic Issues
- TC3 Service Site Issues
- TC4 Renewable Energy
- TC5 Tourism and Related Services
- TC6 Agriculture Products
- TC7 Transportation
- TC8 Leather and Tanning Material
- TC9 Textiles and Related Products
- TC10 Halal Supply Chain
- TC11 Halal Management Systems
- TC12 Dangerous Goods Transportation Requirements
- TC13 Jewellery
- TC14 Petroleum and Petroleum Products
- TC15 Terminology

OIC/SMIIIC standards are developed by experts, within TCs. TCs are made up of representatives of industry, NGOs, governments and other stakeholders, who are put forward by SMIIIC's members. Each TC deals with a different subject.

SMIIIC Partnership Program has been developed to allow for all interested parties, organisation and Muslim Groups to assist in the development of the OIC/SMIIIC Standards. It is important for all institutions/parties/groups who are interested to look through the **Concept of Partnership/Liaisonhip with Regional/International Organizations/Institutions** and apply or contact SMIIIC General Secretariat for further information and action.

3 Technical Committee weeks were organized by SMIIIC, to allow for the Technical Committees to have their meetings and accelerate Technical Committee work. During these weeks Technical Committees 1-14 held 2 meetings in 2017. All TC's defined their scopes and completed their business plans, are working on the development of standards and/or revision of existing standards.

1.2 SMIIC Committee on Standards for Conformity Assessment

SMIIC Committee on Standards for Conformity Assessment (SMIIC/CCA) has been established for preparation of guides/standards on criteria for bodies involved in testing, calibration, certification, inspection, accreditation, their operation and assessment, and other related standards and especially halal conformity assessment and accreditation guidelines or standards.

SMIIC/CCA held its second and third meetings in İstanbul, Republic of Turkey on 23-24 March 2017 and 25 September 2017 in which it has been working on the revision of OIC/SMIIC 2 and 3 standards.

2. Metrology Activities

Metrology is the science of measurement. It includes units of measurement and their standards, measuring instruments and their field of application, and all theoretical and practical problems relating to measurement. It is one of the main field of activities of SMIIC.

Metrology Council (MC) was established to create a platform for the national metrology institutes of OIC Member States to gather and take especially technical decisions specific to their fields.

MC organized several trainings programmes on fundamental metrology, legal metrology, scientific metrology such as legal metrology training (Mass and Weighing Metrology, Metrology of Volume and Checking the Net Content in Pre-packages), Pressure Metrology, Dimensional Metrology and Electrical Metrology so far and has the agenda to organize further training and capacity programs in line with the expectations of national metrology institutes.

The 4th MC Meeting was held on the 08 May 2017 in which the TOR was revised and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the 2018-2020 was elected.

3. Accreditation Activities

The Members of the Management of SMIIC AC were elected during the 15th SMIIC Board of Director Meeting which was held on the 25 November 2017 for the 2018 – 2020 term and Management of SMIIC AC held its 1st Meeting on the 26-27 February 2018 in İstanbul. As one of the decisions the nomination procedure for the SMIIC AC Chair and Vice-Chair posts have been started by the General Secretariat on 05 March 2018 and members have been asked to send in their nominees by the 06 April 2018.

The Management of AC also established a Task Force Group (TFG) for studying of the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) of the SMIIC AC. The TFG held its 1st Meeting on 25-26 March 2018 in Amman, Jordan and will have their 2nd Meeting on 28-29 April 2018 in İstanbul to continue work on the draft ToR.

The Management of SMIIC AC will hold its 2nd Meeting on the 24-25 June 2018 in İstanbul.

4. Training Activities

SMIIC, in order to achieve its objectives strives to annually conduct various training activities,

This year IS and Technical Committee work trainings have been given during each of the 3 TC meetings held during 2017.

In order to aid in the harmonization of Halal Standards across the OIC, SMIIC Training Program 2017 was held on the 11-16 December 2017 in İstanbul, Turkey with the participation of 25 delegates from 14 SMIIC Member States with the support of the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC) and Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC).

The intensive program consisted of 2 trainings:

Training 1. Introduction, implementation and use of OIC/SMIIC Halal Standards. Held between 11-12 December 2017.

Training 2. OIC/SMIIC 1: 2011 General Guidelines on Halal Food Auditor Training. Held between 13-16 December 2017.

Training 1 included training of experts from SMIIC Member States regarding the procedures for adoption, implementation and use of the OIC/SMIIC series of 3 Halal Standards whilst providing training in SMIIC Information System (IS) and Technical Committee (TC) work.

Training 2 was the OIC/SMIIC 1: 2011 General Guidelines on Halal Food Auditor Training which aimed to give training on the auditing of food producers and slaughterhouses according to OIC/SMIIC 1: 2011 General Guidelines on Halal Food to experts from SMIIC Member States.

Both trainings were completed with exams and qualifying participants received their certificates.

5. Other Activities:

5.1 5TH OIC HALAL EXPO AND WORLD HALAL SUMMIT 2017

The World Halal Summit and 5th OIC Halal Expo was held on 23-25 November 2017 in Istanbul, Turkey. The aim of the WHS and OIC Halal Expo is to promote intra-OIC Halal Trade and sharing of the latest developments regarding Halal across the OIC.

The 5th OIC Halal Expo and World Halal Summit (WHS) 2017 were held on 23-25 November 2017 in Istanbul, at the Lütfi Kırdar International Convention and Exhibition Center under the auspices of

President of the Republic of Turkey, H.E. Recep Tayyip ERDOĞAN in line with the co-operation framework between SMIIC and Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT).

Mr. Sebahittin KORKMAZ – the Chairman of Board of Directors of SMIIC, Mr. Khaled Al-Aboodi – CEO of ICD Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Group, Dr. El Hassane Hzaine – Director General of ICDT, Prof. Dr. Abdul Salam Daoud Al-ABBADI – Secretary of International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), Ambassador Hameed A. Opeloyeru – Assistant Secretary General of Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the Minister of Economy of Republic of TURKEY- H.E. Mr. Nihat Zeybekçi addressed the audience during the inauguration of 5th OIC Halal Expo. The Expo covered 4500 m² of exhibition area and B2B meeting rooms, hosted 125 exhibiting companies from 15 countries and formed an excellent environment for building mutually beneficial business in especially halal products trade. Approximately 29,800 visitors explored the exhibition during the three days. It was focused on "Halal Trade and Market Strategies", "Science, Health, Cosmetics", "Tourism and Halal in Daily Life", "Standardization, Accreditation and Certification in Halal Industries" and "Global Development and Future Potential of Islamic Microfinance" in the World Halal Summit (WHS) 2017 forums and sessions, supported by leading organizations in related sectors. 45 OIC countries and 27 other countries totally 72 countries attended the conference with the participation of 110 speakers. The question-answer section was evaluated and very useful. The participation rate in the conferences was very high.

It was emphasized the need to cooperate with the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC) in cooperation with the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) and to publish new common halal standards within the framework of the implementation of the current OIC/SMIIC Halal Standards for OIC Member States and non-OIC countries, the importance of religious oversight on Halal Industry and its services which belongs to all of us individually and which is our religious social responsibility as well as our governments, the importance of innovation in production of halal products such as enzymes and food additives...etc. by taking into consideration the increasing complexity of the modern production methods and products with the advanced technologies, the importance of halal certification and accreditation must be performed by competent and standardized bodies, the importance of halal is a matter of all governments, as well as all Muslim individuals, the importance of the effort of the Muslim community organizations in non-Muslim countries to maintain and develop halal industry from religious perspective, the importance of support to existing initiatives and strategies in the Islamic microfinance, the importance of support to training to better understand the probabilities of the halal market and future development

5.2 7TH GLOBAL ISLAMIC MICROFINANCE FORUM

As a part of the program of the World Halal Summit 2017 - Istanbul, the 7th Global Islamic Microfinance Forum; was also held on November 24-25, 2017 in İstanbul.

The Secretary General Mr. İhsan ÖVÜT participated in the inaugural session of the forum as a guest of honour and made an opening speech. During the event, the prominent speakers from at least 30 countries delivered presentations on topics like "funding challenges faced by Islamic microfinance institutions (MFIs)", "the potential of Islamic microfinance", "Micro Takaful, Waqf and Zakat – Supportive elements for Islamic microfinance"...etc.

E. COOPERATION AGREEMENTS

1. MoU with GSO

In addition to the effective MOUs signed with International Trade Center (ITC), African Organisation for Standardisation (ARSO), Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization (AIDMO) a new Memorandum of Understanding between SMIIC and GCC Standardization Organization (GSO) was signed on 26 November 2017 in İstanbul, Republic of TURKEY again after the expiration of the previous MOU.

2. Technical Cooperation with ISO, IEC, CEN-CENELEC

Cooperation dialogues have been conducted with international organizations [International Standardization Organization (ISO), CEN (European Committee for Standardization) - CENELEC (European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization), International Trade Center (ITC), International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)] in standardization and its related fields in order to increase the recognition of SMIIC at international level.

Secretary General of SMIIC and his accompanying delegation paid a courtesy visit to Mr. Kevin McKinley, Acting Secretary General, ISO on 24 February 2017 in Geneva and to the newly appointed Secretary General of International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Mr. Sergio Mujica, on 21 August 2017 in Geneva, Switzerland.

The cooperation process will be finalized after the necessary internal evaluations of the draft agreements are completed by the mentioned organizations.

F. SMIIC STRATEGY 2016-2020

SMIIC Strategic Plan 2016-2020 as a roadmap for the implementation of the objectives and activities of the Institute, has been approved in the 12th Board of Directors of SMIIC held in 23 May 2016 in Istanbul. Supplementary secondary and tertiary documents to SMIIC Strategy including the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), initiatives and projects and governance methods have also been prepared for the proper implementation of the Strategic Plan.

SMIIC Strategic Plan 2016-2020 includes 5 main strategic approaches and total 33 strategies under these approaches:

- 1-Develop high-quality standards that can be used regionally and internationally,
- 2-Enhance society confidence and quality infrastructure,
- 3-Improve connectivity and integration between members,
- 4-Develop networking for success,
- 5-Develop and improve utilization of resources and capabilities.

SMIIC has actively been working to achieve the goals set out in its Strategic Plan 2016-2020 and has already achieved 18 of the 33 strategies.

G. SOME IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES OF SMIIC IN THE LAST TERM

1. SMIIC Technical Committee Meetings:

SMIIC Technical Committee Weeks were held on:

1. Week 1 26-31 March 2017 in Istanbul and the meetings of the Technical Committees (TC1, TC2, TC4, TC5, TC8, TC9 and SMIIC/CCA) were organized respectively.
2. Week 2 was held in Istanbul, Turkey between 22-24 May 2017 and the meetings of the Technical Committees (TC3, TC7, TC11, TC12 and TC13 were organized respectively.
3. Week 3 has been carried out with the organization of all TCs and CCA under SMIIC during 25-30 September 2017.

During these meeting the scope of the committees have been finalized, trainings given, strategic business plans developed and new project topics discussed and their planning made. A lot of new projects have been started for new standards in different sectors such as service, energy, textile, leather, agriculture, halal management etc.

2. Online sales:

Online sales system of OIC/SMIIC standards on SMIIC website was launched.

3. OIC/SMIIC 5 Standard :

The “General Guidelines on Occupational Safety and Health (OSH)” has been adopted by SMIIC as the OIC/SMIIC 5 Standard on the 07 April 2017.

4. OIC/SMIIC 4- Halal Cosmetics – General Requirements:

The “OIC/SMIIC 4- Halal Cosmetics – General Requirements” standard was completed on the 27 February 2018, which was adopted and published by SMIIC. The Standard is now available for the use of SMIIC Members and can be downloaded from the IS system. It is also available for purchase from the SMIIC website as is the other SMIIC Standards.

5. Changes to the SMIIC Internal Regulations:

SMIIC Internal Regulations (SMIIC Statute, Rules of Procedure, Financial Regulations and Staff Regulations) have been revised with General Assembly Resolution 04/2017 of the 11th SMIIC General Assembly Meeting that was held on 07 May 2017 in Istanbul, Turkey.

After long studies and their delivers at the 11th General Assembly, the whole structure of SMIIC, starting with the General Secretariat have been reviewed, re-structured according to the founding philosophy of the Institute, membership status has been re-converted from member body to member state base; technical councils (standardization, metrology and accreditation) have been established and the necessary infrastructures have been formed for the management of the said councils to provide direct involvement of the SMIIC Member States as implemented in similar organizations. All authorities and responsibilities are clearly defined in an implementable manner. The new SMIIC Statute and Rules of Procedure which have entered into force from the date of its adoption, 07 May 2017.

- 6. Attending to Expos/Forums/Conferences:** SMIIC attended and gave presentation/speech at:
- at 9th International Economic Summit “Russia — Islamic World: Kazan Summit 2017” which was held on 18-20 May 2017 in Kazan, Republic of Tatarstan, Russian Federation.
 - the Workshop on Halal Certification and Accreditation in Bangkok, Thailand on the 18th June 2017 as a part of 2017 APLAC PAC Joint Annual Meetings.
 - 23rd ARSO General Assembly and Celebration of the 5th African Day of Standardisation held on the 28-30 June 2017, in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.
 - Korea Halal Summit 2017 for International Halal Trade and Tourism, 17-19 of July 2017 in Seoul, Korea, held by the Halal Korean Authority.
 - Training Workshop for Junior Diplomats from the OIC Member Countries organized by the Statistical, Economic, and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) on 21-23 November 2017, in Istanbul Turkey.
 - Arab Standardization and Consumer’s Protection Forum on 16-17 October 2017 in Khartoum, the Republic of Sudan.
 - Thailand Halal Assembly 2017 which was held on 30 November - 03 December 2017 in Bangkok, Kingdom of Thailand.
 - Attending several conferences/meetings in Côte d’Ivoire, Belgium, Burkina Faso, Canada, Kazakhstan, Morocco, Oman, Poland, Pakistan, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and Turkey.

7. 7th Global Islamic Microfinance Forum

As a part of the program of the World Halal Summit 2017 - Istanbul, the 7th Global Islamic Microfinance Forum; was also held on November 24-25, 2017 in İstanbul.

8. SMIIC Board of Directors and General Assembly Meetings

- The 14th Meeting of the SMIIC Board of Directors was held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 02-03 March 2017.
- The 11th Meeting of the SMIIC General Assembly (GA) was held in Istanbul, the Republic of Turkey on 07 May 2017.
- The 15th Meeting of the SMIIC Board of Directors (BOD) was held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 25th of November 2017 and General Secretariat hosted the meeting.
- The 12th Meeting of the SMIIC General Assembly (GA) was held in Istanbul, the Republic of Turkey on 26th November 2017, hosted by the SMIIC General Secretariat.

9. First OIC S&T Summit

SMIIC attended the First Summit of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) on Science and Technology which was held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, on 10-11 September 2017. The Summit adopted the OIC Science, Technology and Innovation Agenda 2026 in which the leaders identified priority areas including managing energy requirements by calling for the use of renewable energy and initiating peaceful application of nuclear technology in power and non-power sector among other recommendations.

In the resolutions of the Summit, it was decided that the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC) and Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) shall act in concert

together for Food Safety and Halal Standards and Member States are encouraged to consider implementing OIC/SMIIC standards in addition to international standards on the relevant issues.

10. Third Annual Coordination Meeting of OIC Institutions (ACMOI)

SMIIC participated in the 3rd Annual Coordination Meeting of OIC Institutions (ACMOI) on 03-04 December 2017 in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

During the meeting the joint activities of OIC institutions for the year 2017 were submitted and the new joint activities for 2018 were discussed. The ACMOI took note of the organization of 6th OIC Halal Expo on 29 November - 02 December 2018 in Istanbul and the other joint activities planned by SMIIC including training and standardization.

I. CONCLUSION

SMIIC, by taking into consideration the needs of OIC Member States will continue to take active position in all related standardization, metrology and accreditation activities in addition to conformity assessment as well as focusing on capacity building, training etc..

SMIIC aims to develop common standards that are applied across the whole of the OIC as a single market which will aid to ensure the protection of consumers, facilitate cross-border trade, ensure the interoperability of products, encourage innovation and technological development, include environmental protection and enable businesses to grow.

While doing that, the Institute will focus on technical improvement and capacity building and play a directive function to guide the investment on laboratory etc. and equal distribution of mentioned plans in OIC Member States.

SMIIC shall be supported in a way that:

- It shall take active position in all related standardization, metrology and accreditation activities in addition to conformity assessment as well as focusing on capacity building, training etc. taking into consideration the needs of OIC Member States.
- It shall foster the OIC economy in global trading, the welfare of Muslim community and the environment by providing a platform for the development of OIC/SMIIC standards and other technical specifications across a wide range of sectors as well as the metrology and accreditation to verify -against OIC/SMIIC standards- organizations that carry out evaluation services such as certification, verification, inspection, testing and calibration.
- It shall work on all elements of quality infrastructure as standardization, metrology and accreditation prioritizing the needs of OIC Member States.
- It shall and will continue to closely work with especially sister OIC institutions which have various mandates with regards to the industry, science and technology, economic development etc.