

PRESS RELEASE

DEPARTMENT OF STANDARDS MALAYSIA (STANDARDS MALAYSIA)

MALAYSIAN STANDARDS ON HALAL, WINDOW TO PENETRATE OIC COUNTRIES MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF STANDARDS MALAYSIA (STANDARDS MALAYSIA) AND THE SAUDI STANDARDS, METROLOGY AND QUALITY ORGANIZATION (SASO) ON STANDARDISATION

(Saudi Arabia, 16 April 2012) Madam Fadilah Baharin, the Director General of Department of Standards Malaysia (STANDARDS MALAYSIA) signed on behalf of the Government of Malaysia while His Excellency Dr. Nabil A. Molla, the Governor of SASO signed on behalf of the Government of The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia witnessed by The Honorable Datuk Haji Fadilah bin Haji Yusof (Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation), His Excellency Prof. Datuk Syed Omar al Saggaf (Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary of Malaysia to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) and His Excellency Tan Sri Datuk Dr. Ahmad Tajuddin bin Ali (Chairman of Malaysian Standards and Accreditation Council) and Mr. Ahmed Abbas Al-left (Director General, International Cooperation Department, SASO).

The signing of this MoU is to further strengthen ties between the two countries particularly in areas regarding standardisation especially since standards is known to facilitate trade by reducing Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT). Among the areas of cooperation include, to promote mutual understanding on development of standards, and sharing of information and experience especially on standardisation activities and Halal. The early feedback received from the respective parties involved was positive where they were eager to carry out the areas of cooperation in the immediate future.

As both countries are members of the OIC (Organisation for Islamic Cooperation) and ISO (International Organisation for Standardization), the signing of the MoU acknowledges the role of each country in standardisation activities further strengthening collaboration between the two countries regarding matters of mutual interest in the international arena.



Madam Fadilah Baharin, the Director General of Department of Standards Malaysia (STANDARDS MALAYSIA) representing the Government of Malaysia and His Excellency Dr. Nabil A. Molla, the Governor of SASO representing the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia signing the MoU on standardisation



Honorable Datuk Haji Fadilah bin Haji Yusof, Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, presenting a token of appreciation to His Excellency Dr. Nabil A. Molla, the Governor of SASO

About Department of Standards Malaysia (STANDARDS MALAYSIA)

Department of Standards Malaysia (STANDARDS MALAYSIA) is an agency under Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) established on 28 August 1996 under the Standards of Malaysia Act 1996 (Act 549). The Act governs matters relating to standardisation and accreditation activities in Malaysia which STANDARDS MALAYSIA is the National Standards Body (NSB) and National Accreditation Body (NAB).

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