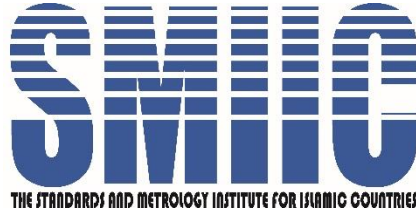


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## **A. SCOPE**

This report gives information about the activities and major developments of Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC) in 2016.

## **B. INTRODUCTION**

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

The report will highlight the particular efforts made with regards to active participation of SMIIC Member States for the cooperation in the fields of standardization, metrology and accreditation.

## **C. TRADE RELATED ACTIVITIES OF SMIIC**

### **1. Standardization Activities**

#### **1.1. Current Activities of Some Technical Committees**

The primary duty of SMIIC Technical Committees (TCs) is the development and systematic maintenance of the OIC/SMIIC Standards according to related activities within a particular scope of work (e.g.: TC1 Halal Food Issues, etc.).

The following TCs are existing under the umbrella of SMIIC:

- TC1 Halal Food Issues
- TC2 Halal Cosmetic Issues
- TC3 Service Site Issues
- TC4 Renewable Energy
- TC5 Tourism and Related Services
- TC6 Agriculture Processes
- TC7 Transportation
- TC8 Leather and Tanning Material
- TC9 Textiles and Related Products
- TC10 Halal Supply Chain

TC1 is working on the revision of the series of OIC/SMIIC Halal Standards.

TC2 is working on the formation of standards for Halal Cosmetics. Scope was defined and the business plan was made. New Work Item Proposals were completed and merged into the document “Halal Cosmetics and Personal Care Products: General Guidelines” as a working draft (WD), a drafting Working Group (WG) was formed to further work out this draft.

TC3, TC4, TC5, TC6 and TC7 continue to build their technical structures.

TC8, TC9 and TC10 have been established after obtaining the sufficient number of SMIIC Member States’ approval and commitments as P-Members.

## **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 first Meeting in İstanbul, Republic of Turkey on 23-24 March 2016 where it was decided that the SMIIC Technical Committees (TCs), Metrology Committee (MC) and Accreditation Committee (AC) as well as International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) and Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU) will become liaisons of SMIIC/CCA.

The meeting established a working group (SMIIC/CCA/WG 1) to work on the revision of OIC/SMIIC 2 and 3 standards and also highlighted that relevant standardization procedure may be initiated for conformity assessment of especially the Halal services, products and management etc.

## **2. Metrology Activities**

### **2.1. SMIIC Metrology Committee**

Metrology Committee (MC) which was established during the 5<sup>th</sup> SMIIC BOD Meeting has a total of 36 OIC Member States’ membership (including Full and Associate Members and two liaison organisations) as of November 2016.

Training Activities in the areas of SMIIC MC are determined as follows:

- i. Fundamental Metrology Training
- ii. Legal Metrology Training

- iii. Scientific Metrology Training
- iv. Metrology in Chemistry and Biology Training

### **3. Accreditation Activities**

#### **3.1. SMIIC Accreditation Committee**

SMIIC Accreditation Committee (AC) which was established in the 1<sup>st</sup> General Assembly (GA) Meeting of SMIIC held on 02-03 August 2010 has 26 member bodies as of November 2016.

SMIIC AC held 9 (nine) meetings and 2 (two) training sessions by the end of 2015 and established its whole structure to provide service for both accreditation and peer evaluations. In this regard, SMIIC AC has started to get applications from halal certification bodies for accreditation and also from its member bodies for MLA.

## **D. COOPERATION AGREEMENTS**

### **1. MoU with ITC**

A Memorandum of Understanding between SMIIC and International Trade Center (ITC) is signed to provide a framework for cooperation in the area of Halal standards in relation to the continuing development of the Standards Map Database of the ITC, to improve the quality and availability of information on OIC/SMIIC Halal standards and increase opportunities for sustainable trade.

### **2. Technical Cooperation with ISO, IEC, CEN-CENELEC and ARSO**

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)] and African Organisation for Standardisation (ARSO) in standardization and its related fields in order to increase the recognition of SMIIC at international level.

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

## **E. 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **F. OTHER ACTIVITIES**

- **Organization** of the 12<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors (BOD) and 9<sup>th</sup> General Assembly meetings of SMIIIC on May 2016 in İstanbul.
- **Attendance** at the 39<sup>th</sup> Session of the ICECS which was held in July 2016 in Jeddah.
- **Attendance** at the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the COMCEC Tourism Working Group which was held in September, 2016 in Ankara.
- **Attendance** at the 1st Working Group on Islamic Tourism, on 29 September 2016 in Padang, West-Sumatera, Indonesia.
- **Attendance** at the 80<sup>th</sup> IEC General Meeting held in October 2016 in Frankfurt.
- **Attendance** at halal events in Belgium and Croatia in the last quarter of 2016.

## **G. CONCLUSION**

SMIIIC, 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.. SMIIIC aims to set common standards that are applied across the whole of the OIC as a single market where SMIIIC ensures 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.

SMIIIC is ready to cooperate with sister OIC institutions which have various mandates with regards to the industry, science and technology, economic development etc. in coordination with OIC General Secretariat.