

Standards and Technical Regulations, Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (Annex 2)

1. The Parties confirm the following understanding reached with respect to the implementation of Chapter 5 on Standards and Technical Regulations, Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures of the India-Singapore Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (the “Agreement”):

(a) **Part I -Telecommunications Equipment Sectoral Annex (Annex 5A of the Agreement)**

- (i) India shall, within 12 months from the entry into force of the Agreement, put in place all necessary domestic arrangements and notify Singapore before its mandatory requirements are listed in Tables 2 and 4 for the implementation of Annex 5A of the Agreement.

(b) **Part II -Sectoral Annex on Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Annex 5C of the Agreement)**

- (i) India shall, within six months from the date of signing of the Agreement, put in place all necessary domestic arrangements, including the required notifications, documentation, operating procedures and formats, and certifications for the implementation of Annex 5C of the Agreement. India will make efforts to compile all the documentation arising from the above domestic arrangements into a single document for ease of reference;
- (ii) Singapore shall, within six months from the date of signing of the Agreement, conduct and complete the technical training programme for India in accordance with the schedule and elements as set out in Attachment I;
- (iii) the Parties shall intensify information exchanges in particular on conformity assessment procedures especially between the Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) as well as the Designating Authorities (DAs) of the Parties, so as to allow the Parties to better understand each others’ Mandatory Requirements;
- (iv) Once India has put in place all the necessary domestic arrangements for the implementation of Annex 5C of the Agreement and upon the completion of the technical training programme conducted by Singapore for India, the Parties shall engage in a one year confidence-building period, which shall commence no later than six months after the signing of the Agreement. During this confidence-building period, the Parties shall provide to each other the complete documentation, including factory evaluation reports and test reports, to allow the Parties to verify the compliance and to identify gaps, if any, in each other’s conformity assessment procedures. At the end of this confidence-building period, the Parties shall review and assess the status of Annex 5C of the Agreement;
- (v) the Parties shall endeavour to conclude and bring into force Annex 5C of the Agreement by the first review of the Agreement, or at the latest 18 months from the date of signing of the Agreement; and

**TECHNICAL TRAINING PROGRAMME BY SINGAPORE FOR INDIA UNDER ANNEX 5C OF
THE AGREEMENT**

In connection with Annex 5C concluded pursuant to Chapter 5 of the Agreement, Singapore shall:

- (a) provide theoretical and practical training including experience sharing so as to assist India to establish an accreditation system for product certification bodies;
- (b) conduct a 7-day workshop in Delhi divided into two parts as outlined below plus a period of 10-day off-site consultation via email to answer any queries which the Indian agencies may have whilst putting into effect what they have learnt. The post-training consultation will cover areas such as addressing gaps, documentation and other related queries;
- (c) provide expert trainers from PSB Corporation and Singapore Accreditation Council of Singapore to conduct the workshops in Delhi; and
- (d) bear all costs on the experts' travel and stay for a period of 5 to 7 days in Delhi to conduct the workshops and other related costs relating to off-site consultations, with India bearing the costs in Delhi for the venue and other incidental costs, such as reproduction of materials for the workshops as well as costs incurred by the Indian trainees.

TRAINING PROGRAMME

Part I

PSB Corporation shall conduct a 4-day Training Workshop divided into two components:

- (a) A two-day training workshop in India on ISO/IEC Guide 65 and IAF Guidance on the Application of ISO/IEC Guide 65. The objective of the course is to give participants an overview of the standards and requirements of each clause in ISO/IEC Guide 65 and sharing of experiences; and
- (b) A two-day training course on the Safety Requirements of controlled goods under the Consumer Protection (Safety Requirements) Regulations of Singapore. The objective of the course is to give participants an overview of the Safety Authority's Requirements of each controlled electrical and electronic equipment so that they are able to perform certification to Singapore's requirements.

Part II

Singapore Accreditation Council (SAC) shall conduct a 3-day Accreditation Workshop divided into two components:

- (a) A two-day training workshop in India on ISO/IEC Guide 65 and IAF Guidance on the Application of ISO/IEC Guide 65. The objective of the course is to give participants an understanding of the requirements of each clause in ISO/IEC Guide 65 and to equip them with the knowledge to conduct accreditation assessment. The workshop will comprise lectures and case studies; and
- (b) A one-day training workshop on the mandatory requirements under the Consumer Protection (Safety Requirements) Regulations of Singapore, from the accreditation perspective.