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Establishment

Article (1)

First- under the aforesaid law a central organization is established called (The Central Organization for Standardization and Quality Control COSQC), to be linked to the council of planning, and hereby referred to as the COSQC.

Second-The headquarters of the COSQC is to be established in Baghdad, and it shall be entitled to open branches inside Iraq in case that if the nature of its work requires it.

Third- The COSQC has been established as a legal entity with administrative and financial independence to perform its tasks and achieve its targets; the COSQC is entitled to enjoy all legal acts under the limits stipulated in this law.

Fourth- the standards adopted by the COSQC shall refer to as (Iraqi Standards), and the specifications adopted by the COSQC shall be referred to as (Iraqi Specification standards).

Fifth- the standards, other than the Iraqi Standards, adopted and followed by the production project for its private purposes shall be referred to as (Factory Standards).

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The COSQC's Targets

Article (2) - the COSQC aims to contribute to the promotion of the national economy, improvement the national production and protection of national wealth through;

First- define Iraqi references and adopted standards and calibration methods.

Second- devise and provide Iraqi Standards.

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Third- to increase production efficiency and quality through quality control and inspection of quality of national and imported products and commodities.

Fourth- to protect consumers and producers as well as the environment, health, and national safety.

Fifth- to develop the specializations in the fields of Standardizations and Quality Control.

Sixth- to prepare the scientific methods for the fair use of natural resources, products and energies.

Seventh- to support the technical progress in production of goods and services sectors.

Eighth- to work on unifying the standards in Arab world.

Ninth- to expand the Arab and International cooperation in all fields related to standardization and quality control.

Tenth- to raise awareness in the fields of standardization and quality control through all available means, to work on supporting and developing the public supervision on the quality of products and commodities.

The COSQC Specializations

Article (3) - For the purpose of achieving targets stipulated in this law the COSQC shall conduct the following tasks:

First- Adopting a national system of metrology and monitoring its implementation, establishing a list of national references of Iraqi standards.

Second- adopting, publishing, reviewing, amending, repealing and substituting Iraqi standards and monitoring of their implementation.

Third- adoption of a national system of quality control and monitoring of its implementation, providing technical assistance to different sectors through foundation of quality control directorates from within.

Fourth- granting, authorizing and renewing of quality mark, issuing of certifications of conformity.

Fifth- monitoring of the quality of domestic products and commodities for the purpose of exportation.

Sixth- unifying, setting and developing of means and methods of metrology and calibration devices and issuing of certificate of calibration.

Seventh- calibrating and marking of weights, meters, pints and precious metals

Eighth- Inspection, analysis, testing and special research concerning standardization and quality control shall be conducted directly or through authorizing accredited laboratories to do so.



Ninth- Organizing the operations processes of testing and technical inspection for machines, equipment and devices (repealed in accordance with article (1) of the first amendment of the COSQC No. 96 of 1998).

Tenth- providing consultation in the fields of standards, criteria and quality control.

Eleventh- reviewing suggestions and complaints of consumers and producers concerning standards and quality of products.

Twelfth- printing, publishing, distributing and exchanging of information, data, studies and references concerning the activities of COSQC and similar international, regional and Arab organizations.

Thirteenth- Rehabilitating, training and raising the competency of employees from different levels in the fields of standardization and quality control.

Fourteenth- Cooperating with similar international, regional and Arab organizations to develop the activities of the COSQC.

Fifteenth- Any other activity relevant to the specializations of the COSQC.

COSQC's Board of Directors

Article (4) - First- the COSQC governed by a board of directors consists of;

1- President of COSQC –as President.

2- A representative of the higher agricultural council whose job title is at a minimum, general director, who shall be nominated by the president of the council as a member.

3- Representatives from Ministries of Health, Industry and Metals, Oil, Trade and Housing and Rebuilding whose job titles at a minimum will be General Directors.

4- Two representatives from the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, one of them shall be from the scientific research institute ranked at a minimum as Assistant Professor/Researcher, and the other from one of the Iraqi Universities whose scientific rank is Assistant Prof. the two Professors shall be nominated by the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research as members.

5- Three Experts shall be nominated by the Minister of Planning as proposed by the President of COSQC as members.

6- COSQC Directors General as members.

Second- the members mentioned in (1,2, 3, 4, 5) from President of COSQC shall be appointed for two years renewable under a resolution from the Council of Planning in accordance with the suggestion of the Minister of Planning\ Head of the Director Committee of the Council of Planning.



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President of COSQC

Article (5)-

First- the President of COSQC shall be appointed from specialized and experienced people in accordance with a presidential decree in a special degree of the Minister of Planning\ Head of the Director Committee of the Council of Planning.

Second- President of COSQC, is the highest authority at the COSQC resolutions and instructions shall be issued under his name or under his authorization, he shall represent the COSQC in courts, governmental directorates, socialist sector and individuals and corporate entities public and private.

Article (6) The President of COSQC shall carry the following duties;

First- Formation of specialized bodies and committees and utilizing the services of experts and specialists from employees and non-employees and awarding the right competencies.

Second- mandating specialized technical organizations or one of the COSQC employees to carry out inspection and control on projects for the purposes of quality control.

Third- granting rewards and commendation for those who provide the COSQC with exemplary service, and for those who provide assistance in revealing violations to this law.

Fourth- Granting appreciation certificates for industrial bodies and production sections, which maintain a high level of quality for their products in order to achieve competitive socialist targets

Fifth- Authorizing some of the President's executive powers to the director generals and departments according to guidelines determined by the resolution of authorization (repealed in accordance with the third amendment No. (20) Of 2013.

Article (7)- COSQC shall have an internal system guideline approved by the Council of Planning in accordance with the suggestion of COSQC board of directors particularly includes the following:

First - The COSQC board of directors' duties, authorities and issues concerning quorum and voting.

Second- The COSQC directorates and departments tasks and their organizational bodies as well as their work method.



Third- Issues concerning fees upon services provided by COSQC and regulations of rewards.

Fourth- other authorities and powers of the president

Fifth- Any other organizational issues required by COSQC specific scope of work.

COSQC Directorates;

Article (8)

First- the COSQC shall consist of the following directorates:

1. Standardization Directorate.
2. Quality Control Directorate.
3. Administrational and Technical Services Directorate.
4. Any other directorate suggested by the council of directors then approved its establishment.

Council of Planning:

Second- each directorate aforesaid in the First paragraph shall be headed by a director general.

Final Provisions

Article (9) (this article was repealed)

The financial resources of the COSQC shall consist of the following:

First- finances earmarked annually at the annual plan.

Second- fees received upon services.

Third- donations and grants presented to the COSQC.

Article (9) was repealed from the law in accordance with article (2) of law (20) of 2013 (third amendment) and to be replaced by the following:

Article (9)

First- the financial resources of the COSQC shall consist of the following:

1. Finance allocated annually at the federal general budget.
2. Fees received upon services.
3. Funding and grants allocated to the COSQC per the law

Second- the minister of planning in accordance with the minister of finance are entitled to assess and consider the fees received by the COSQC.

Third- the fees stipulated in second Paragraph of Article (1) of this article shall be submitted to the public treasury.



Article (10) was repealed in accordance with the third amendment of the law no. (20) of 2013 and replaced with the following:

Article (10)

First- the COSQC shall have a private budget, financial laws and instructions shall be taken into account when managing and organizing the required financial records.

Second- COSQC shall enjoy all the privileges and immunities that the centers related to the ministry of planning enjoyed.

Standards

Article (11)

First- The Iraqi standards and specifications adopted by the COSQC shall be codified and deemed obligatory in all around Iraq. The adoption of standards shall be published at the national gazette in an official statement clarifying the standard title and reference number and the defined validation date of its obligatory application.

Regarding the valid obligatory standards when this law shall continue their validation and obligation until they are repealed or amended, the provision of this paragraph shall be deemed applicable to imported commodities and products.

Second- Any new projects shall not be granted an establishment certification under Development and Organizing of Industrial Investment Law no.(22) of 1973, unless the project owner determines the standards that he intends to follow in production and the specialized party shall get the approval of the COSQC.

Third - Any Industrial project registered under Development and Organization of Industrial Investment Law no.(22) of 1973 shall determine the laboratory standards to be adopted for the project purposes within 90 days from the establishment of this law and shall register them at the COSQC. The standards shall be confirmed to be up to standards or better than the standards listed in the special form according to which he got a certification of project establishment or expansion, and subsequently it shall be deemed obligatory and he shall always comply with their application by using appropriate scientific methods.

In case that there are no available standards, he shall determine them with the COSQC within a period that may not exceed 6 months from the validity date of this law.

Fourth- The COSQC is authorized to request from any certified industrial project, under Development and Organizing of Industrial Investment Law no.



(22) Of 1973, to comply with the level of the project laboratory standards in accordance with the requirements of general interests and aiming at improving and developing of industrial products.

Fifth- The COSQC is entitled to grant additional limited periods to extend the deadline for compliance with the obligatory Iraqi standards and laboratory standards for any project after submitting a detailed report to the COSQC determining the reasons for noncompliance of these standards and shall define the required period to complete and provide the necessary means for compliance, the extension period for this reason shall not exceed a year.

Sixth- the relative ministries and governmental institutions shall facilitate the required procedures to grant approvals and provide necessary guidelines for the industrial projects to enable them meet compliance with the Iraqi standards and factory standards on their defined date.

Seventh- The ministry of defense and all its relative institutions shall be exempted from the provisions of this law. Under a resolution from the council of planning some production or service, parties may exempt from applying the Iraqi standards or the factory standards in some cases due to their exemption or private nature concerning matters of national security.

Eighth- All industrial projects shall add their names on their products and shall write in Arabic the content of the products they produce and the production standards that are followed during production on the package on the cover or the attached information card.

In case there are Iraqi standards which stipulate an expiry date of exchange or use of these products, when exceeding the expiry date, they shall be withdrawn or returned from the sellers on the expense of the producers, the provisions of this article shall apply to the institutions and parties which import goods.

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Punishment Provisions

Article (12)

First- in case of violation of Iraqi standards or factory standards in any service or production project , the president of the COSQC or whoever he authorizes shall request in written from the administration of the project to stop the violation in a period he defines, and if the administration fails to comply the following procedures shall be applied:

1. If the project in which the violation occurred relates to the private sector, the president of the COSQC is entitled to make a resolution in accordance with a reasonable report, to stop the production or any part



of it subject of violation until the removal of reasons in addition to bring the perpetrators to the specialized law under Article (13) of this law.

2. If the project in which the violation occurred relates to the socialist sector, the president of the COSQC shall present a reasonable report to the council of planning to take the appropriate resolution, in this regard the mixed sector shall be treated as a social sector.

Second- The owner of the project in the private sector may object to the resolution of the president of the COSQC in 7 days from the day of suspension of production of the project, in front of the minister of planning or whoever he authorizes, and the minister of planning or whoever he authorizes after reviewing the COSQC opinion has the right to confirm, amend or repeal the resolution of production suspension in 15 days from the date of registration of objection at the ministry of planning.

Third- The resolution of the head of the council of planning or the minister of planning under the provisions of paragraphs (First & Second) of this article is deemed final.

Article (13)

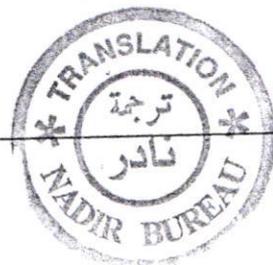
Any person who violates the application of the Iraqi standards or the factory standards issued under article (11) of this law shall be liable to the penalty of imprisonment or a fine may not exceed Five Thousand Iraqi Dinars 5000IQD or be liable to both penalties with the confiscation of goods and related products from markets and from exchange on the expense of the violator.

Article (14)

First- All ministries, institutions of socialist and mixed sectors and owners of the product & service projects in the private sector shall facilitate the tasks of COSQC's employees, answer their inquiries and enable them to get information and data that the tasks and responsibilities of the COSQC required, as well as allow the employees of the COSQC to enter the project site and workplaces, to review the records and documents and any other actions deemed necessary to carry out the tasks the mandated for under this law.

Second- Under the provisions of this law and the complementing laws and regulations, in case it is necessary that the COSQC's employees shall enter the project site or the workplace they shall carry a special and official document which certifies their affiliation to the COSQC and authorizes them to enter the project site or the workplace.

Third- Under this law, the employees of the COSQC shall deal with the information they got with confidentiality.



Article (15)

Any person who commits one of the following violations shall be punished with detention for at least 3 months or pay a fine that may not exceed Five hundred Iraqi Dinars 500 IQD.

First- Any person who prevents the authorized employees of the COSQC under the provisions of this law from entering the project to carry out the tasks they are mandated for under this law.

Second- Any person refuses to provide the information and data that the COSQC requests under this law.

Article (16)

This law does not preclude the COSQC from implementing additional legal punishments and procedures under any other law if the severity of the crime or violation requires a tougher punishment.

Final Provisions

Article (17)

First- Standardization and Metrology institution law no.(15) of 1963 and the Industrial Supervision law no.(92) of 1973 shall be repealed but shall continue to be valid to the extent that these laws referenced above do not conflict with the provisions of this law and systems, instructions, data and orders issued under which, until their repeal.

Second- The phrase (COSQC) shall replace the phrase " Standardization and Metrology Institution" or the " General Directorate of Industrial Research and Supervision " , the phrase " President of the COSQC" shall replace the phrase " the concerned minister " wherever they are mentioned in laws, systems, instructions, resolutions and orders, the COSQC shall carry the responsibility of implementing the application of the laws that the Standardization and Metrology Institution or the General Directorate of Industrial Research and Supervision were responsible for their application.

Third- The COSQC shall inherit all the rights and obligations of the Standardization and Metrology Institution or the General Directorate of Industrial Research and Supervision and their employees shall be deemed affiliated to the COSQC while preserving their stipulated rights legally.

Fourth- The service regulations applied in the national center of computers shall deem applicable to the employees of the COSQC after the amendment of the table of ranks and annexed jobs in a way that is appropriate with the COSQC tasks, the above-mentioned table shall enter into force after being



approved by the council of planning, the salaries of the COSQC employees shall be reconsidered in accordance with the mentioned rules.

Fifth- The employees of the COSQC shall submit to the civil pension law no.(33) of 1966 and the workers of the COSQC shall submit to the worker pension and social insurance law no.(39) of 1971.

Article (18) was repealed under Article (4) of the third amendment of the law no.(20) of 2013 of the COSQC law and replaced with the following:

Article (18) to facilitate the application of this law, it is permitted to issue systems and instructions.

Article (19)

This law shall enter into force 30 days after being published in the national gazette.

Note (1): Under Article (5) of the third amendment of the law no.(20) of 2013 the first amendment of the COSQC law no.(22) of 1996 was repealed.

Note (2): Under law no.(16) of 2008 the law of dissolving the COSQC:

Article (1)

The Central Organization for Standardization and Quality Control "COSQC" which established under law no.(54) of 1979 shall be dissolved from the council of ministers and associates to the ministry of planning and developing cooperation. The COSQC shall continue to carry out its tasks and specializations stipulated in the COSQC law and other related legislations.

Article (2)

The phrase "the minister of planning and developing cooperation" shall replace the phrase "the president of the general secretariat of the Iraqi council of ministers" wherever its mentioned in the related legislations.

Article (3)

The president of the COSQC shall be joined with the minister of planning and developing cooperation.

Article (4)

First- The resolution of the dissolved revolution command council no.(10) of 1999 shall be repealed.

Second- The rights and obligations of the Central Organization for Standardization and Quality Control shall transfer from the general secretariat of the Iraqi council of ministers to the mentioned organization, (COSQC)

Article (5)

The minister of planning has the right to issue instructions to facilitate the execution of the provisions of this law.

