

# Mutual Recognition Arrangement on Conformity Assessment for Industrial Products between the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in the Philippines and the Manila Economic and Cultural Office

## Minutes of the BSMI-BPS Meeting Regarding the Implementation of the MRA

The BSMI-BPS Meeting Regarding the Implementation of the Mutual Recognition Arrangement on Conformity Assessment for Industrial Products between the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in the Philippines and the Manila Economic and Cultural Office (MECO) (hereinafter referred to as the MRA) was held on January 25, 2019.

The Taiwan side was led by Mr. Chung-Lin Wang, Acting Director General of the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI). The Philippine side was led by Mr. James E. Empeño, Director of the Bureau of Philippine Standards (BPS).

The meeting was held in Taiwan at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting room of the BSMI, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m..

The full delegation lists are provided as Attachment 3 of the minutes.

### Summary of discussions

The key items of discussion included:

1. For purpose of implementing the MRA, the following contact windows are designated for each side.  
Taiwan side: Mr. Chung-Lin Wang, Acting Director General  
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The Philippine side: Mr. James E. Empeño, Director  
E-mail: [JamesEmpeno@dti.gov.ph](mailto:JamesEmpeno@dti.gov.ph); [bps@dti.gov.ph](mailto:bps@dti.gov.ph)
2. Both sides confirmed that the scope of the MRA applies to all new pneumatic tyres and electrical products that are subject to Mandatory Requirements.
3. The BSMI provided the BPS with the updated documents required for implementing the MRA, including product lists and relevant regulations. The BPS agreed to provide the updated "List of Electrical and Electronic Products and Tyres Regulated by the Bureau of Philippine Standards under the Products Certification Scheme" to the BSMI before March 2019. For exchanges of such documents, which are subject to update, and other related documents, both sides agreed to coordinate with TECO and MECO respectively, and proceed with the exchanges via the contact windows mentioned in Paragraph 1 of the minutes.
4. The national standards applicable to products covered by the MRA may be purchased by the methods stated below.

For CNS: [https://www.cnsonline.com.tw/?locale=en\\_US](https://www.cnsonline.com.tw/?locale=en_US) (electronic copy)

For PNS: Purchase requests should be sent by email to [bps@dti.gov.ph](mailto:bps@dti.gov.ph) (expeditious arrangements may be made)

- Both sides confirmed that the following organizations are the accreditation bodies mentioned in Sections 4 and 5, Article II of the MRA.

Taiwan side: Taiwan Accreditation Foundation (TAF)

The Philippine side: Philippine Accreditation Bureau (PAB)

- The BPS confirmed that the form, as Attachment 1 of the minutes, can be used by the BSMI to designate a Conformity Assessment Body under Section 1, Article III of the MRA, until such time that a new and official form is developed.
- Both sides agreed to provide the other side, at no charge, with an electronic copy of the applicable standards (available in English) for testing products specified in Annex I of the MRA. Such electronic copy shall only be used among BSMI, TAF, BPS and PAB for purpose of implementing the MRA.

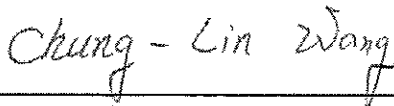
The BSMI provided the BPS with a compact disk containing its MRA-related standards at the meeting. For the standards without English version, the BSMI will provide the translated version as soon as they are available.

The BPS will likewise provide its MRA-related standards.

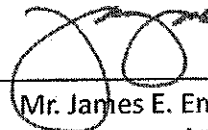
- Both sides have agreed to move forward the implementation of the MRA with a work program, as Attachment 2 of the minutes, to garner the benefits of the MRA at the earliest time.
- The BSMI shared its practices of developing CNS standards and promoting national standards at the meeting.
- During the meeting, the BSMI provided a list of recognized inspection bodies and testing laboratories at the request of BPS.
- The BPS expressed interests in the regulations and standards regarding quenched steel bars adopted by the BSMI. Relevant documents were provided and experts in Taiwan shared studies that support the ban. The BSMI also agreed to provide further information on the process of regulating quenched steel bars, such as the development of CNS 560 and coordination with other regulatory authorities.
- Both sides agreed to prepare minutes for this meeting as a reference for implementing the MRA. They will be formally confirmed and exchanged via TECO and MECO.

For BSMI:

For BPS:



Mr. Chung-Lin Wang  
Acting Director General of BSMI



Mr. James E. Empeño  
Director of BPS

**Designation of Conformity Assessment Bodies under the TECO-MECO MRA**  
(BSMI to BPS)

Date: January 25, 2019

In accordance with Section 1 of Article III, the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI), in its capacity as the Designating Authority mentioned in Section 2 of Article II, hereby designates the conformity assessment body, with its detailed information listed below, for consideration of recognition by the Bureau of Philippine Standards (BPS). The designated conformity assessment body complies with the designation criteria of the Philippine side, as specified in Annex IV, and is technically competent to undertake conformity assessment activities according to the Mandatory Requirements of the BPS.

**1. Information on the designated conformity assessment body**

1.1 Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1.2 Post Address: \_\_\_\_\_

1.3 Facsimile (fax) number: \_\_\_\_\_

1.4 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

1.5 Contact Person (Name/Tel No.): \_\_\_\_\_

1.6 Scope of Designation: (Please see Appendix) \_\_\_\_\_

1.7 Designating Procedure Used:  Section 4, Article II     Section 5, Article II

1.8 Date of Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Supporting Documents**

The certificate of accreditation of the conformity assessment body, issued by the Taiwan Accreditation Foundation, is attached as the supporting document of Item 1.7 "Designating Procedure Used."

**Appendix Scope of Coverage**

I. The *(name of the designated conformity assessment body)* is capable of performing the following conformity assessment activities, listed in the Table below:

Product	PNS Number	Page Number of the Accreditation Certificate

II. Signatories of type-test reports or inspectors

No	Name of Officer	Title/Position	Applicable PNS Number

<b>Implementation of the MECO-TECO MRA: Work Program</b>			
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Action points</b>	<b>Suggested Timeframe</b>	<b>Progress</b>
	Exchange detailed lists of mandatory inspection products under the MRA, including description of products, applicable inspection standards, conformity assessment procedures, specific inspection scope, etc.	Jan. to Oct. in 2018	Completed
<b>Information Exchange</b>	Exchange information regarding the difference between inspection standards and international standards of in-scope products	Jan. to Oct. in 2018	Completed
	Exchange applicable regulations, specific requirements for the recognition of conformity assessment bodies	Jan. to Oct. in 2018	Completed
	Exchange detailed procedures and requirements for the acceptance of conformity assessment results under the MRA	Jan. to Oct. in 2018	Completed
<b>Bilateral Meeting/ Exchange Activity</b>	BPS-BSMI Bilateral Meeting in Taipei to confirm the work program, information exchange, accreditation procedures and implementation details of the MRA	Jan. 22-26, 2019	Completed
	"MECO-TECO industrial products MRA Exchange Activity" in Taipei		
	BPS-BSMI Bilateral Meeting in Manila to confirm the information exchange, accreditation procedures and implementation details of the MRA	TBD (April 2019)	Planning underway
<b>Recognition Procedure of Conformity Assessment Bodies</b>	"MECO-TECO industrial products MRA Exchange Activity" in Manila		Planning underway
	BSMI receives and reviews the proposal in writing of designated conformity assessment bodies in the Philippines from the BPS.	TBD	Planning underway
<b>Implementation of Conformity Assessment Procedure</b>	BPS receives and reviews the proposal in writing of designated conformity assessment bodies in Taiwan from the BSMI	May 2019	Planning underway
	BPS recommends one of the tyre manufacturers or one of the electrical products manufacturers in Philippines applies for the certificates of Registration of Product Certification (RPC) under the MRA.	TBD	Planning underway
	BSMI recommends one of the tyre manufacturers of tyre or one of the electrical products manufacturers in Taiwan applies for the issuances of the Import Commodity Clearance (ICC) under the MRA.	July 2019	Planning underway

**List of Participants to the BSMI-BPS Meeting  
Regarding the Implementation of the MRA on January 25, 2019**

Participants from the Philippines			Participants from Taiwan		
Agency	Position	Name	Agency	Position	Name
BPS	Director	James E. Empeño	BSMI	Acting Director General	Chung-Lin Wang
BPS	Chief	Neil P. Catajay	BSMI	Director	June-Chieh Lai
BPS	Senior Specialist	Maria Teresita G. Del Rosario	BSMI	Director	Chue-Wen Wu
BPS	Specialist	Johayna W. Alsheik	BSMI	Director	Chun-Chao Wang
PAB	Assistant Director	Ernani M. Dionisio	BSMI	Deputy Director	Yi-Shen Hung
PAB	Chief	Juanita P. Carpio	BSMI	Deputy Director	Shao-Ching Yang
			BSMI	Senior Technical Specialist	Kuo-Lung Wu
			BSMI	Senior Technical Specialist	Chieh-Chen Pai
			BSMI	Section Chief	Wen-ling Huang
			BSMI	Section Chief	James Chen
			BSMI	Section Chief	Jinn-Liang Wang
			BSMI	Section Chief	Chiu-Kuo Chen
			BSMI	Section Chief	Ching-Ching Lin
			BSMI	Secretary	Chuan-Shu Cha
			BSMI	Technical Specialist	Kai-Hong Huang
			BSMI	Associate Technical Specialist	Shun-Chieh Lee
			BSMI	Associate Technical Specialist	Hsio-Ching Weng
			BSMI	Associate	Yeh-Horng Chen

				Technical Specialist	
			BSMI	Associate Technical Specialist	Li-Yu Wei
			BSMI	Associate Technical Specialist	Yuan-Chun Lee
			BSMI	Officer	Chia-Chien Yu
			TAF	CEO	Brian Shu
			TAF	Deputy Director	Roger Sheng
			TAF	Chief	Tim Ho
			TAF	Manager	Darren Chang
			ETC	Section Manager	Simon Hsiao
			ETC	Section Manager	Pearl Leu
			Taiwan Rubber Research & Testing Center	Director	Yue-Long Chen
			Taiwan Rubber Research & Testing Center	Chief	Shih-Hsing Lin
			Taiwan Steel & Iron Industries Association	Expert	David Ho
			Taiwan Steel & Iron Industries Association	Expert	Rui-Hong Weng
			National Center for Research on Earthquake Engineer	Expert	Ker-Chun Lin