



THE PAKISTAN STANDARDS AND QUALITY CONTROL AUTHORITY ACT, 1996



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ACT NO. VI OF 1996

An Act to provide for the establishment of Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority

WHEREAS it is expedient to establish a Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority to provide for the standardization and quality control services ;

It is hereby enacted as follows :

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

1. Short title, extent and commencement.—(1) This Act may be called the Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority Act, 1996.

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

- (a) “Authority” means the Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority established under section 3 ;
 - (b) " Advisory Council" means the Advisory Council appointed under section 6 ;
 - (c) “article” means (as respect standardization and marking) any substance, artificial or natural, or partly artificial or partly natural, whether raw or partly or wholly processed or manufactured, but does not include any article to which the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Act, 1937 ([I of 1937](#)), for the time being applies:
 - (d) “Board” means the Board of Directors constituted under section 5 ;
 - (e) “certificate” means certificate granted under this Act to use either Authority standard quality mark or the Authority conformity mark or Authority safety mark in relation to any article ;
 - (f) “Director-General” means the Director General of the Authority ;
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- (g) “Inspector” means an Inspector appointed by the Authority under section 15 ;
- (h) “license” means a license granted under this Act to use Pakistan standard and quality mark in relation to any article, product or process which conforms to the relevant Pakistan standard ;
- (i) “metrology” means the field of knowledge concerned with measurements and includes units of measurement and their field of application and all theoretical and practical problems relating to measurements ;
- (j) “Pakistan standard” means the standard (including any tentative or provisional standard) established and published by the Directorate of Standards of the Authority ;
- (k) “Pakistan Standards Institution” means the institution set-up under the Resolution of the Government of Pakistan in the Late Ministry of Commerce and (Industries Division) No. I-I-22(I)/58, dated the 3rd day of October, 1958, and registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 ([XXI of 1860](#)) ;
- (l) “prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under this Act;
- (m) “process” includes any practice, treatment and mode of manufacture of any article ;
- (n) “product” means raw material, semi-finished or finished products ;
- (o) “quality” means conformity to a given requirement or specification of a product or service;
- (p) “quality assurance” means a system of activities whose purpose is to provide an assurance that the overall quality control is in fact being done effectively ;
- (q) “quality control” means control over the quality of all the industrial and processed goods, their manufacturing processes and testing methods by the Authority ;
- (r) “rules” means rules made under this Act;
- (s) “standard” means a technical specification or other document available to the public, drawn up with the cooperation and consensus or general approval of all interests affected by it, based on the consolidated results of science, technology and experience aimed at the promotion
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of optimum community benefits and approved by the Authority ;

- (t) “testing” means the action or process of examining a substance under known condition in order to determine its identity and quality or one of the constituents and includes the action by which the physical properties, materials and machines are tested in order to determine their particular requirements or performances ; and
- (u) “training” means training of technical staff in the field of standardization, testing, quality control, legal, metrology, inspection and industrial research of the concerned departments and industries in Pakistan as well as of trainees from other friendly countries.

CHAPTER II

3. Constitution of the Authority.—(1) There shall be established an Authority to be known as the Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(2) The Authority shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal, with power subject to the provisions of this Act, to acquire and hold property, both movable, and immovable, shall by said name sue and be sued.

(3) The headquarters of the Authority shall be at Karachi and it may, with the prior approval of the Federal Government set-up regional offices at such places as, when and where required.

4. Management.—(1) The general direction and administration of the Authority and its affairs shall vest in the Board which may exercise all powers and do all acts and things which may be exercised, or done by, the Authority.

(2) The Board shall in discharging its functions act on sound principles of standardization, quality control, testing and metrology and shall be guided on questions of policy by such directions as the Federal Government may give from time to time.

(3) If any question arises as to whether any matter is a matter of policy or not, the decision of the Federal Government shall be final.

5. Constitution of the Board.— (1) The Board shall consist of the following members, namely:
