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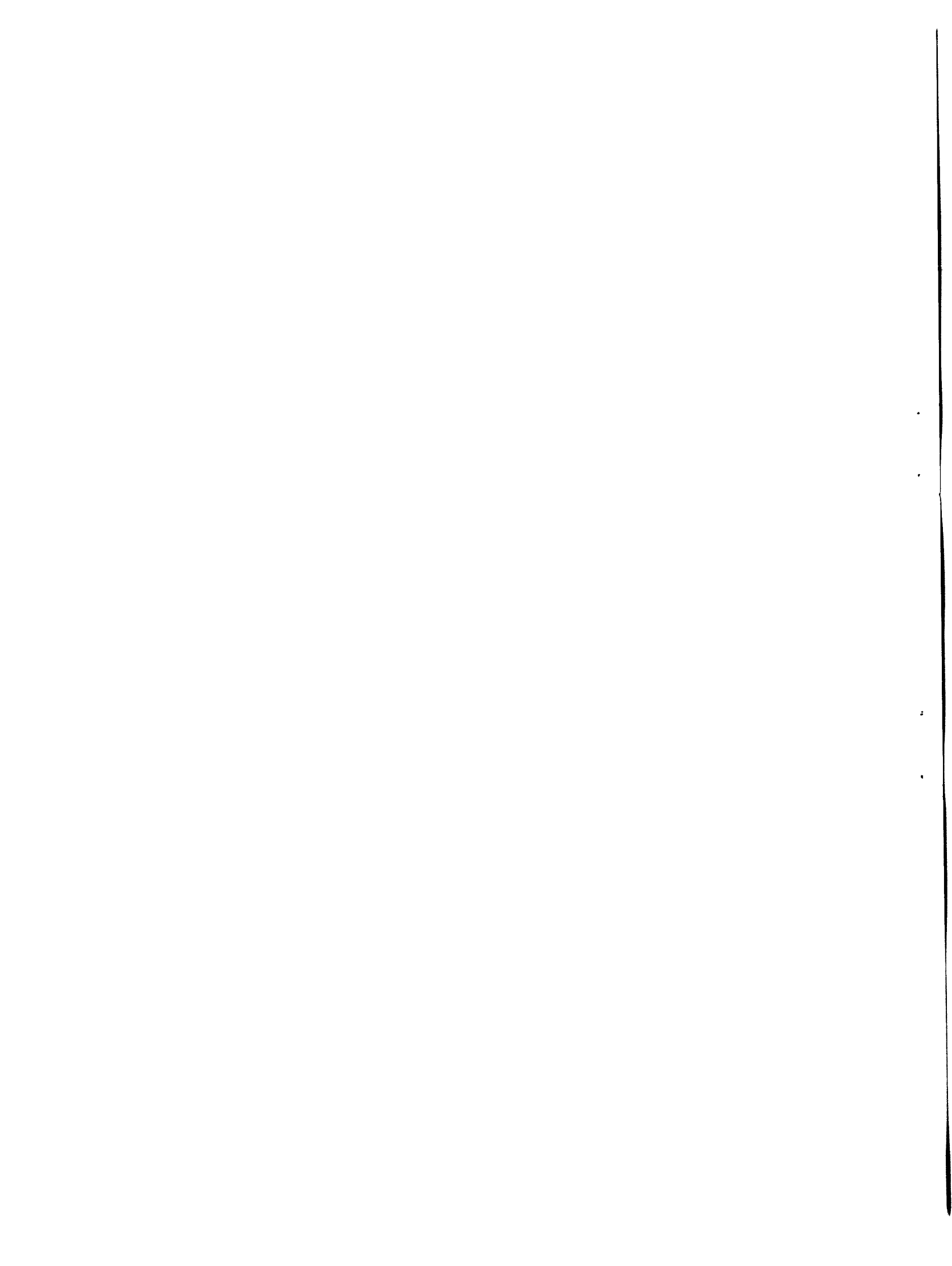
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**ACCREDITATION AND CONFORMITY
CERTIFICATION IN THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC**

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(1) SASMO in Brief

Syrian Arab Organization for Standardization and Metrology (SASMO) was established by decree No. (248) for /1996 / and its responsibilities were defined as follows :

- A - Issuing the Syrian National Standards (S.N.S) , publishing and modifying them .
- B - Granting right of using Conformity Mark .
- C - Representing internationally Syrian Arab Republic in the field of Standardization and Metrology .
- D - Setting up the competent adequate means to achieve the quality of production .
- E - Coordinating the organization's work with its counterparts and international institutions .

So (SASMO) is a permanent member in the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and many other international institutions such as (OIML) , (IEC),

2 - Organization's Work in Standards Field :

I – First stage : In this period (SASMO) play a role of issuing ,publishing and modifying Syrian National Standards (S.N.S) .

II – Second stage : In order to pursue the International new matters , the organization work to speed up mechanism of issuing Syrian Arab Standards which can serve the external and internal commercial needs by fulfilling the following steps :

- A - Activating the technical committees work specialized in the field of preparing standard and sharing a great number of researchers and specialists of universities and scientific researches centers and industrial institutions in the private and public sectors .
- B - Adopting all standards issued by International Electro- technical Commission (IEC) and considering them as Syrian National Standards.
- C - Adopting a limited number of specific standards issued by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) as Syrian National Standards especially concerning the quality the quality system , environment and guidelines .
- D - Considering standards issued by (ISO) as essential reference and also the international institutions related to such as (OIML) as main reference to prepare Syrian National Standards .
- E - Gradually reviewing the Syrian National Standards issued to achieve work in conformity with the international standards and criteria .

And it had been held a great number of seminars and symposiums for educating and knowing standards . and their benefits from application and obligation in addition to series of training courses and workshops by participating the coming experiences of the international Institutions such as (ISO) and (UNDP) , ...

3 - Granting Conformity Certification and Marks :

In order to achieve publication and application of quality systems , (SASMO) had established the scientific controls and basis roles to grant conformity mark and certification and quality marks that may confirm with guidelines issued by (ISO) , so that it had been actually done granting right of using conformity mark to various Syrian Industrial establishments especially in the private sector . Also (SASM) is granting conformity marks continuously and their application is voluntary that means according to the request of the beneficial party . Since /1996 / (SASMO) is preparing and fulfilling various training courses and seminars relating to (ISO – 9000) . by itself or in cooperation with national governmental and non governmental Institutions and call for experts from some International and Arab Institutions such as ; (ISO) , (AIDMO), (UNDP) and also from a number of Arab Countries aiming to define (ISO – 9000) and its importance for application and forming advisory national experience to manage qualifying operations for the national industrial and service establishments. At this point we would like to mention the valuable aide program which offered by (UNDP) for Syria represented by (SASMO) in the field of quality and applying (ISO – 9000) . For this privet purpose it was created fifteen national parties working in the field of qualification and offering consultations for applying the quality management systems . Since /1996 / a large number of Syrian corporations had been granted (ISO 9000 Certificate) by some International certification parties and this operation is still continuous .

4 - In the field of Accreditation : (recent state) :

With the aim to bridge the gap resulting from absent of national accreditation , controlling the operation of Certification , training , qualification , preventing disadvantages happened in some countries and maintaining the (ISO – 9000) credibility , SASMO has been charged to supervise charged to supervise on training and qualifying operation and share with the international certification parties in the assessment operation of quality management system applied in the national industrial and service establishments before giving recommendation about certification according (ISO – 9000) for this reason the executive directions issued by Minister of Industries including and roles to supervise this field of works .

With a view to (SASMO) maintains records for documenting all the above mentioned activities .

So that SASMO benefits from the above mentioned steps which it has been done in the field of supervision which obtained from (UNIDO) aid projects

(SASMO) seeks for applying the recommendations of UNDP experts in the field of establishing the high National Commission for Quality (HNCQ) and provides the legal bases and needs for its work (HNCQ) is responsible for many duties concerning quality matters , training courses and accreditation . Here is we must mentioned the great importance to establish National Accreditation Board to Supervise on all concerning bodies which work in the field of training , consultation , qualification and certification bodies in order to guarantee its performance level and credibility according to international criteria .

5 - Recommendations :

A - Discussing suitability of establishing regional accreditation board (Arab Countries) and providing its requirements and needs .

B - Increasing sharing of concerned International and Arab Organization to held several training courses to perform technical groups qualified in the field of quality matters .

C - Acting on providing experience needs to establish National Accreditation Boards in some Arab Countries Later on transferring the practical experience to the other Arab countries .

D - Increasing coordination between (ISO) , (ESCWA) , (AIDMO), and (UNIDO) to activate the work in this field in order to reflect positively on the regional countries and its work in the field of quality ..

