Information on technical regulation, standardization, metrology and conformity assessment systems in Ukraine

Legislative framework in the field of technical regulation, standardization, metrology and metrological activity in Ukraine consists of:

Decree Law of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine as of 10 May, 1993 № 46-93 “On Standardization and Certification”;

Laws of Ukraine:
- “On Standardization”;
- “On Metrology and Metrological Activity”;
- “On Technical Regulations and Conformity Assessment”;
- “On Accreditation of Conformity Assessment Bodies”.

Functions of the authorized central executive body in the field of technical regulation were entrusted to the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine (Technical Regulation Department) according to the line of Orders of the President of Ukraine (as of 9 December, 2010 № 1085/2010, as of 6 April, 2011 № 370/2011 and as of 31 May, 2011 № 634/2011) within the framework of the administrative reform in Ukraine.

According to the Statute on the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine enacted by the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine as of 20 August, 2014 № 459 (with amendments made by the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine as of 13.01.2016 № 4) the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, in particular provide for formation and realization of the state policy in the field of technical regulation, standardization, metrology and metrological activity.

The Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine performs the following functions according to entrusted tasks in the field of technical regulation, standardization, metrology and metrological activity:

- provides for legal regulation in the field of standardization;
- approves the work program on national standardization;
- takes actions for adaptation of Ukrainian legislation in the field of standardization with the EU legislation;
- summarizes the practice of application of legislation in the field of standardization, develops proposals for its improvement and submits for consideration draft legislative acts, acts of the President of Ukraine and of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine due to the established order;
- approves national standards (amendments to them) developed by national standardization body;
- monitors how national standardization body keeps to the procedures in the field of standardization in accordance with the principles, standards and requirements established by law;
- takes reasonable actions for adoption of and adherence to the Code of Good Practice for Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards by standardization entities according to the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, annexed to the Marrakesh Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization of 15 April, 1994;
- informs and provides for clarification on the implementation of the state policy in the field of standardization;
- within the authority provided by law, cooperates in the field of standardization with relevant authorities of other states;
- defines priority directions of development in the field of standardization;
- approves the methodology of determining complexity and cost of works on national standardization;
- examines annual report on activity of the national standardization body;
- establishes the national accreditation body;
- appoints and retires the head of the national accreditation body;
- carries out monitoring of national accreditation body to ensure the fulfillment of the requirements established in Article 61 of the Law of Ukraine “On accreditation of conformity assessment bodies”;
- takes appropriate corrective actions or provides for taking such actions by national accreditation body in cases where the said authority does not comply with or does not fulfill obligations established by the Law of Ukraine “On accreditation of conformity assessment bodies”;
- defines priority directions of development of technical regulations in Ukraine;
- provides for legal regulation in the field of technical regulation;
- coordinates activities on development and review of technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures;
- according to the law approves plan of development of technical regulations for one or more calendar years;
- approves the draft technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures developed by the relevant central executive bodies;
- provides for methodological support on development and review of technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures;
- defines the procedure for formation and maintenance of a database of technical regulations and register of designated bodies and recognized independent organizations;
- creates and maintains a database of technical regulations and register of designated conformity assessment bodies and recognized independent organizations;
- approves the list of national standards, compliance with which provides the presumption of compliance of conformity assessment bodies with special requirements to designated conformity assessment bodies, and places it on its official website;
- carries out functions (defined by the Law) of the body, which appoints conformity assessment bodies (including recognized independent organizations), limits the scope of their designation, suspends or resumes the effect of decisions on appointment or terminates such decisions;
- approves the Regulations on the appeals commission for consideration of appeals against decisions of designated conformity assessment bodies, its composition and appeals consideration order;
- according to the Law carries out functions of technical regulation in the area defined by legislation;
- prepares proposals for signing international agreements of Ukraine on mutual recognition of conformity assessment and other issues of technical regulation;
- carries out international cooperation in the field of technical regulations with relevant authorities of other states;
- defines principles, structure and rules of state certification system;
- approves the List of products subject to mandatory certification and determines terms of its implementation;
- sets requirements for designated certification bodies in the state certification system;
- establishes rules for recognition of conformity certificates of other states in the
state certification system;
- designates certification bodies in the state certification system and assigns them identification numbers, refuses to designate certification bodies, expands the scope of designation and cancels designation;
- considers the controversial issues on certification in the state certification system;
- carries out state supervision over fulfillment by certification bodies of rules and order of certification in the state certification system through scheduled and unscheduled inspections;
- keeps the Register of the state certification system;
- organizes information support on certification in the state certification system;
- establishes requirements for content of information about decisions on issuing, refusals to issue, revokes, suspends the validity of conformity certificates or certificates of recognition of conformity adopted by certification bodies, which (information) is submitted for inclusion to the Register of the state certification system;
- establishes the order of keeping the Register of the state certification system;
- establishes the order for certification bodies to assign conformity certificates and certificates of recognition of conformity issued by them with registration numbers;
- establishes the form of application submitted by organization claiming the designation by certification body in the state certification system;
- provides for state administration of uniformity of measurements in Ukraine;
- provides for legal regulation in the field of metrology and metrological activity;
- organizes basic researches in the field of metrology;
- provides for functioning of national standards base and prepares proposals for its improvement;
- develops or participates in development of state scientific and technical programmes for ensuring uniformity of measurements;
- develops state scientific and technical programmes for establishment and improvement of state standards;
- coordinates activities on ensuring the functioning and development of metrology system in Ukraine;
- provides for status of national standards to standards;
- registers national standards;
- defines scientific keepers of national standards;
- provides for authorization for verification of legally regulated measuring instruments in use;
- monitors the compliance of authorized scientific metrological centers, metrological centers and verification laboratories with the Law of Ukraine "On Metrology and Metrological Activity" and makes decisions on cancellation of certificate on authorization, if they do not fulfill the obligations stipulated by the Law of Ukraine "On Metrology and Metrological Activity";
- approves the Regulations on scientific metrological centers;
- sets definitions of basic units of the International System of Units (SI), names and definitions of the derived SI units, decimal multiples and partial of the SI units, allowed off-system units as well as their indications and rules of application of units and rules of spelling names and indications of measuring units and symbols of values;
- establishes the order for storage and application of national standards and monitors compliance with rules and conditions of their storage and use;
- approves typical Regulations on metrological services of the central executive bodies, other state bodies, administration bodies of enterprise associations, enterprises,
institutions and organizations performing works in the field of legally regulated metrology;
- establishes the order for keeping the Register of approved types of measuring instruments;
- sets verification intervals for legally regulated measuring instruments by categories;
- establishes the order for verification of legally regulated measuring instruments in use and registration of its results, as well as norms of time allowance required for verification of such instruments;
- sets the criteria to be met by authorized scientific metrological centers, metrological centers and verification laboratories;
- establishes the order for certification of auditors on metrology;
- keeps the State Register of scientific metrological centers, metrological centers and verification laboratories authorized to carry out verification of measuring instruments in use;
- places on its official website links to documents containing technical specifications adopted by the International Organization of Legal Metrology (regulatory documents of the International Organization of Legal Metrology) and lists of parts of these regulatory documents, compliance with which provides presumption of conformity of measuring instruments with the essential requirements of technical regulations concerning measuring instruments, which are covered with such parts of regulatory documents;
- represents interests of Ukraine in relevant international organizations for standardization, metrology, concludes international agreements of Ukraine on cooperation in the field of technical regulation, standardization, metrology and metrological activity with relevant authorized foreign organizations and relevant governmental and intergovernmental bodies of other states according to the Law of Ukraine “On International Treaties of Ukraine”.

Signing of the Ukraine - EU Association Agreement defined the basic challenges in the field of technical regulation which are the following: harmonization of national legislation (basic and sectoral) with the EU legislation and implementation of its provisions; making relevant administrative and institutional reforms according to the Agreement on Conformity Assessment and Acceptance of Industrial Products and establishment of effective and transparent administrative system in the field of technical regulation what will create favourable conditions for export development.

A number of measures were carried out with a view to aligning national legislation in the field of technical regulation with requirements of the EU legislation.

In the field of standardization

It was adopted the Law of Ukraine as of 05.06.2014 № 1315-VII “On Standardization” (new edition), which envisages provisions on establishment of a single National Standardization Body that is not a state power body; cancellation of obligations on application of standards and other regulatory documents in the field of standardization; withdrawal of specifications registration; withdrawal of agency-level agreements of draft national standards and cancellation of normative regulation of relations connected with development of standards and specifications of enterprises, institutions and organizations. The Law has entered into force on 3 January, 2015.

Implementation of the Law will allow ensuring of:
- Improvement of legal and organizational basis for national standardization;
- Creation of new national standardization system, that meets modern requirements and trends, and will provide a uniform state policy in this area aimed at regulatory support of important public objectives;
- Bringing national standardization system in line with the European model;
- Creation of organizational forms of activity in the field of standardization that will correspond with international and European practice;
- Compliance with fundamental principles of standardization.

In pursuance of the Law of Ukraine as of 05.06.2014 № 1315-VII “On Standardization” it was adopted the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine as of November 26, 2014 № 1163-p “On Determination of the State Enterprise which Performs the Functions of the National Standardization Body” which defines that State Enterprise “Ukrainian Scientific, Research and Training Center on Standardization, Certification and Quality Problems” (the “UkrNDNC”) will perform functions of the National Standardization Body (hereinafter referred to as “the NSB”).

According to this Law of Ukraine the NSB has in particular such powers:
1) organization and coordination regarding development, adoption, examination, revision, cancellation and revalidation of national standards, codes of best practice and changes to them;
2) adoption, cancellation and revalidation of national standards, codes of best practice and changes to them;
3) taking measures for harmonization of national standards and codes of best practice with relevant international, regional standards and codes of best practice;
4) development of national standards and amendments to them in coordination with central executive body that implements state policy in the field of standardization regarding: procedures of development, adoption, examination, revision, cancellation and revalidation of national standards, codes of best practice and changes to them;
- criteria, forms and procedures for consideration of proposals regarding works on national standardization;
- procedures of establishment, operation and termination of activity of standardization technical committees;
- 5) ensuring compliance of national standards and codes of best practice with legislation;
- 6) ensuring adaptation of national standards and codes of best practice to modern scientific and technical achievements;
- 7) preparation and approval of programme for national standardization works;
- 8) making decisions on establishment and termination of activity of standardization technical committees, determination of scope of its activity;
- 9) coordination of activity of standardization technical committees;
- 10) participation in preparation of international, regional standards and codes of best practice developed by relevant international and regional organizations for standardization, which member is the National Standardization Body or with which it cooperates in accordance with provisions of such organizations or respective agreements, as well as ensuring consideration of interests of Ukraine during the proceedings of this activity;
- 11) ensuring and promoting cooperation in the field of standardization between manufacturers, suppliers, consumers of products and relevant authorities;
- 12) encouraging of small and medium entrepreneurship to participate in development of national standards and codes of best practice, ensuring access of these entities to the texts of such documents.
According to the Article 27 of the Law of Ukraine “On Standardization” the NSB represents the interests of Ukraine in international and regional organizations for standardization, takes decisions concerning joining them, signs agreements on cooperation and performance of works in the field of standardization with the National Standardization Bodies of other countries, takes steps to fulfill the obligations flowing from participation in international and regional organizations for standardization.

In autumn 2015 the “UkrNDNC” has received a confirmation of membership in the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), what will promote implementation of achievements in technical progress and technology development, make an opportunity to agree national technical policy in the field of standardization with technical policies, which is carried out by trade partners of Ukraine.

The “UkrNDNC” as the NSB has carried out work on renewal of membership agreements with European Committee for Standardization (CEN) and European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC).

In June, 2016 the NSB received decisions of the 45th CEN General Assembly (document CCMC_16_142_DL) and CENELEC General Assembly (document CCMC_16_141_DL) on transferring affiliate membership in CEN and CENELEC to the “UkrNDNC” from 1 May, 2016 with all the rights and obligations. The above documents were prepared by the CEN/CENELEC Management Centre on 8 June, 2016.

At the end of 2016, the NSB received a letter from CEN/CENELEC regarding the formalization of Ukraine’s new partnership framework as a Companion Standardization Body. This partnership framework will be implemented since 2017.

As of today, the agreements on becoming a Companion Standardization Body of CEN and CENELEC are signed.

Besides, to date Ukrainian NSB processes issues on signing bilateral agreements in the field of standardization between the “UkrNDNC” and national standardization bodies of other countries, which is trade partners of Ukraine.

Pursuant to the Law of Ukraine of 05.06.2014 № 1315-VII “On Standardization” a new methodology for determining the complexity and cost of standardization activities, according to which the cost of development of a national standard was reduced to about 40%, was approved by the Order of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine of 05.10.2016 № 1685 registered in the Ministry of Justice 27.10.2016 № 1405/29532.

Pursuant to the Law of Ukraine of 15.01.2015 № 124-VIII “On Technical Regulations and Conformity Assessment” the Methodological recommendations on forming the Lists of national standards, compliance with which or with their parts thereof provides presumption of conformity of products, related processes, production methods or other facilities with technical regulations requirements, were approved by the Order of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine of 19.12.2016 № 2094.

Four Lists of national standards (1704 standards), which are identical to harmonized European standards and compliance with which provides presumption of conformity of equipment with technical regulations requirements on low-voltage electrical equipment (LVD – 737), electromagnetic compatibility (EMC – 136), safety of machinery (MD – 769) and general products’ safety (62), were approved in 2016–2017.

Furthermore, harmonization of national standards with international and European ones, especially those voluntary application of which is a proof of products compliance to requirements of technical regulations that are similar to the relevant Directives of New and Global Approaches, is provided in Ukraine on a permanent basis.
The National Standards Fund consists of 22,209 documents, 12,553 of them are International and European standards adopted as national ones.

Level of standards harmonization is 56.5%.

6,749 national standards were adopted during 2014-2016. 6,388 of them are International and European standards adopted as national ones. 11,466 national standards were adopted in 2016. 1,320 of them are International and European standards adopted as national ones.

14,475 old interstate standards (GOSTs) developed before 1992 were cancelled in 2015.

Ukraine is represented in the following International and European organizations for standardization:

- International Organization for Standardization (ISO), full member since 1993;
- International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), full member since 1993;
- European Committee for Standardization (CEN), corresponding member since 1997, in 2005 Ukraine received a status of Partner Standardization Body (PSB), affiliate member since 2008;
- European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC), affiliate member since 2001.

In the field of metrology

It was adopted the Law of Ukraine as of 05.06.2014 № 1314-VII "On Metrology and Metrological Activity, which envisages harmonization of legal acts with documents of the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML), EU legal acts on metrology and documents of the European Cooperation in Legal Metrology (WELMEC). The Law also provides for establishment of a separate central executive body, which implements a state policy in the field of metrological surveillance. The Law entered into force on 1 January, 2016.

Implementation of the Law will allow ensuring of:
- Creation of modern metrological system of Ukraine and its integration to global and European economic area;
- Creation of conditions for domestic production of measuring instruments and their access to the world market by improving competitiveness;
- Reducing the number of permits in the area of metrology;
- Protection of citizens of Ukraine and the national economy from unreliable measurement results that are used during: activities on ensuring protection of life and health of citizens; quality and safety control of food and drugs; environmental control; control of safety working conditions; trade and business transactions and settlements between buyer (consumer) and seller; calculation of taxes and duties, tax and customs control; activities related to the definition of buildings, structures and building territory parameters.

According to the Law Ukrainian metrological system creates necessary framework for ensuring the uniformity of measurements in the country, the main objectives of which are:

1) implementation of common technical policy in the field of metrology and metrological activity;
2) protection of citizens and national economy from the consequences of inaccurate measurement results;
3) implementation of basic and applied researches and scientific developments in the field of metrology and metrological activity;
4) saving of all types of energy and material resources;
5) ensuring quality and competitiveness of domestic products;
6) creation of legal, regulatory, scientific and technical and institutional framework for ensuring traceability of measurements in the country.

Metrological system of Ukraine includes:
- national metrological service;
- legal and regulatory framework, including legislation, technical regulations and other legal acts regulating relations in the field of metrology and metrological activity;
- national standard framework and transmission system of sizes of measurement units;
- system of voluntary accreditation of calibration laboratories as well as a system of accreditation of testing laboratories, conformity assessment bodies in cases determined by this and other laws of Ukraine;
- educational institutions, scientific and research institutions and organizations spreading knowledge and experience in the field of metrology and metrological activity.

Activities related to ensuring the functioning and development of metrology system of Ukraine are coordinated by the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine.

The national metrological service includes:
1) Central executive body, which provides for state policy in the field of metrology and metrological activity (Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine);
2) Central executive body, which implements the state policy in the field of metrology and metrological activity (Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine);
3) Central executive body, which implements the state policy in the field of metrological control (State Service on Food Products Safety and Consumers Protection);
4) Scientific metrological centers (National Scientific Centre “Institute of Metrology” (NSC “Institute of Metrology”, Kharkiv), State enterprise “All-Ukrainian state research and production center for standardization, metrology, certification and consumers’ rights protection” (SE “Ukrmetrteststandard”, Kyiv), State enterprise “Scientific-and-Research Institute “Systema” (SE “SRI “Systema”, Lviv), State enterprise “Ivano-Frankivsk Research-and-Production Center for Standardization, Metrology and Certification” (SE “Ivano-Frankivskstandardmetrology”, Ivano-Frankivsk);
5) State enterprises, which are under jurisdiction of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine and conduct metrological activities;
7) Metrological services of central executive bodies, other governmental bodies, enterprises and organizations;
8) Conformity assessment bodies for measuring instruments and calibration laboratories.

Implementation of the Law provides for development of 36 secondary regulatory acts (among them – 32 acts developed by the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, namely: 18 Decrees of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and 14 Orders of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine).

As of today all acts, which are necessary for the Law’s implementation, have already been adopted, namely:
— of 25.02.2015 № 75 “On recognizing as invalid Decrees of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 1 April, 1999 № 528 and of 15 January, 2005 № 32” (special aspects of metrological activity in the field of scientific researches and developments);
— of 27.05.2015 № 330 “On determining scientific metrological centers”;
— of 04.06.2015 № 372 “On recognizing as invalid some decrees of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine” (concerning the abolition of Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 17.08.1998 № 1300 “On approval of Procedure of importation of measuring instruments into the territory of Ukraine”);
— of 04.06.2015 № 374 “On approving the List of categories of legally regulated measuring instruments subject to periodic verification”;
— of 17.06.2015 № 398 “On approving the Procedure and criteria for provision a status of national standards to standards”;
— of 08.07.2015 № 474 “On approving the Procedure for submission of measuring instruments for periodic calibration, supply and maintenance support”;
— of 19.08.2015 № 607 “On approving the Technical Regulation on bottles used as measuring tanks”;
— of 02.09.2015 № 663 “On approving the Statute of the State Service of Standard Samples of Composition and Characteristics of Substances and Materials”;
— of 02.09.2015 № 664 “Issues regarding the State Service of Universal Time and Standard Frequencies”;
— of 02.09.2015 № 667 “On approving the Statute of the State Service on Food Products Safety and Consumers Protection (metrological control)”;
— of 07.10.2015 № 807 “On amendments to the Procedure and criteria for provision a status of national standards to standards”;
— of 28.10.2015 № 865 “On approving the Procedure of payment for works and services related to conformity assessment of legally regulated measuring instruments with requirements of technical regulations, verification of these instruments, which are in operation, and determining the value of such works and services”;
— of 16.12.2015 № 1158 “On approving of criteria for assessing the risk of economic activities in the field of metrology and metrological activity and determining the periodicity of planned measures on metrological control of legally regulated measuring instruments that are in operation and number of packaged goods in packages, which are held by the State Service on Food Products Safety and Consumers Protection”;
— of 16.12.2015 № 1162 “On approving the Technical Regulations on non-automatic weighing instruments”;
— of 16.12.2015 № 1110 “On approving of the Procedure of monitoring compliance with rules and conditions of storage and application of national standards”;
— of 16.12.2015 № 1195 “On approving the Procedure of establishing inter-verification intervals for legally regulated measuring instruments by categories”;
— of 23.12.2015 № 1152 “On special aspects of metrological activity in the field of defense”;
— of 13.01.2016 № 94 “On approving the Technical Regulations on legally regulated measuring instruments”.
– of 24.01.2016 № 117 "On approving the Procedure of issuing or denying issuing, renewal, issuing a duplicate, cancellation of certificate on authorization to carry out calibration of measuring instruments in use and which are used in the field of legally regulated metrology, and installation of fees for issuing certificate on authorization, its renewal and issuing of duplicate";
– of 24.01.2016 № 163 "On approving the Technical Regulations on measuring instruments".

14 orders of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, 13 of which with state registration in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine, namely:
– of 04.08.2015 № 914 “On approving definitions of the basic SI units, names and definitions of the derived SI units, decimal multiples and partial of the SI units, allowed off-system units as well as their signs and Rules of measuring units application and spelling of names and designations of measuring units and symbols of values” (registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 25.08.2015 № 1022/27467);
– of 15.09.2015 № 1144 “On approving the Procedure of storage and application of national standards” (registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 30.09.2015 № 1159/27604);
– of 21.09.2015 № 1164 “On approving the Procedure of maintaining the State Register of scientific metrological centers, metrological centers and calibration laboratories authorized to carry out verification of legally regulated measuring instruments that are in operation” (registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 06.10.2015 № 1203/27648);
– of 23.09.2015 № 1192 “On approving the criteria to be met by scientific metrological centers, public enterprises, which are under jurisdiction of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine and carry out metrological activity, and calibration laboratories authorized to carry out verification of legally regulated measuring instruments that are in operation” (registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 07.10.2015 № 1213/27658);
– of 21.12.2015 № 1719 “On approving the Rules of time required for verification of legally regulated measuring instruments that are in operation” (registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 14.01.2016 № 51/28181);
– of 23.12.2015 № 1747 “On approving the Modal provisions on metrological services of the central executive bodies, other state bodies, bodies of enterprise associations, enterprises, institutions and organizations, which perform work in the field of legally regulated metrology, ceasing to be invalid some orders of the State Committee of Ukraine for technical regulation and consumer policy” (registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 16.01.2016 № 79/28209);
– of 08.02.2016 № 193 “On approving the Order of verification of legally regulated measuring instruments in operation and presentation of its results” (registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 24.02.2016 № 278/28408);
– of 10.05.2016 № 792 “On approving the Regulations for scientific metrological centers and recognizing some orders as invalid”;
– of 14.06.2016 № 972 “On recognizing as invalid some orders” (registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 02.07.2016 № 914/29044);
– of 13.07.2016 № 1161 “Some issues of maintaining the Register of approved types of measuring instruments” (registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 03.08.2016 № 1081/29211);
– of 29.08.2016 № 1412 “On some issues of issuing the certificate of authorization to carry out calibration of measuring instruments in operation and which are used in legally
regulated metrology” (registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 14.09.2016 № 1253/29383);
- of 29.08.2016 № 1413 “On approving the Order of certification of metrology auditors” (registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 16.09.2016 № 1257/29387);
- of 13.10.2016 № 1747 “On approving the interverification intervals for legally regulated measuring instruments in operation, by categories” (registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine of 01.11.2016 №1417/29547);
- of 01.11.2016 № 1837 “On approving the unified forms of acts being made up according to the results of a scheduled (unscheduled) inspections on metrological control in the legally regulated metrology” (registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine of 18.11.2016 № 1501/29631).

As of today three metrological technical regulations are implemented (including technical regulations on non-automatic weighing instruments and measuring instruments, which are analogous to the relevant European Directives, in particular NAWI and MID); infrastructure for conformity assessment of measuring equipment with requirements of technical regulations was established, namely conformity assessment bodies were designated (National Scientific Centre “Institute of metrology”, State Enterprise “Ukrmetrteststandart”, State Enterprise “Kharkivstandartmetrologia”, State Enterprise “Poltavastandartmetrologia” and State Enterprise “Lvano-Frankivskstandartmetrologia”). 270 standards, which are the evidence base of conformity of measuring instruments with technical regulations requirements, were adopted.

Also, the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine developed the Programme on development of measurement standards base during the years 2018-2022 (was approved by the Government on 28.12.2016 № 1041) to ensure the implementation of the Strategy of development of technical regulation system for the period until 2020. The aim of the Programme is to ensure economic, scientific and technological development of the state and its defense capability through increased level of measurements and metrological traceability to national standards of measuring instruments used in all sectors of economy, especially for products conformity assessment with technical regulations requirements and protection of citizens and economy from consequences of inaccurate measurement results. Implementation of the Programme will assist to create 14 and to improve 17 state primary standards, to ensure maintenance and operation of 81 national state standards and to conduct comparisons of 20 state standards at the international level. In particular, creation of new standards will ensure development of innovative industries such as nanotechnology, biotechnology, information technology, energy efficiency and energy saving.

As of today, the list of national standards consists of 69 state primary standards of measurement units and 259 CMC-lines are included to database of the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM).

Ukraine is represented in the following International and European organizations for metrology:
- General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM), associate member since 2002, in 2018 we plan to sign the Metre Convention and become a full member of the CGPM;
- Euro-Asian Cooperation of National Metrological Institutions (COOMET), full member since 1992;
- European Association of National Metrology Institutes (EURAMET), status of partner organization since 1998;
International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML), corresponding member since 1997.

In the field of technical regulations and conformity assessment

The Law of Ukraine of 15.01.2015 № 124-VIII “On Technical Regulations and Conformity Assessment”, which establishes uniform legal and organizational principles of development, adoption and application of technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures, implementation of conformity assessment according to European requirements and provisions of the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade and determines the end date of cancellation of compulsory product certification (since 2018) according to the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 10.05.1993 № 46-93 “On Standardization and Certification”, was adopted. The Law entered into force on 10 February, 2016.


As of today the following acts are adopted:

14 Decrees of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, namely:
- of 17.07.2015 № 519 “On amendments to item 3 of the Procedure of funds provided by the state budget for implementation of measures for consumers protection, standardization, metrology, certification, conformity assessment and quality management”;
- of 04.11.2015 № 898 “On amendments to the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 18.06.2012 № 708”;
- of 16.12.2015 № 1057 “On determining areas, in which central executive bodies carry out functions of technical regulation”;
- of 16.12.2015 № 1170 “On approving the Procedure of monitoring of compliance with the requirements to national accreditation body of Ukraine”;
- of 30.12.2015 № 1184 “On approving the form and description of the mark of conformity with technical regulations, rules and conditions for its application”;
- of 13.01.2016 № 4 “On amendments to the Regulations of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine”;
- of 13.01.2016 № 56 “On approving special requirements for designated conformity assessment bodies”;
- of 27.01.2016 № 57 “On approving the Procedure of issuance, refusal of issuance, renewal and issuance of duplicate of decision on designation of certification body in the State Certification System, expansion of area of designation and cancellation of the decision on designation”;
- of 27.01.2016 № 95 “On approving the conformity assessment modules and rules for their usage with a purpose of developing conformity assessment procedures”;
- of 27.01.2016 № 96 “On approving of the Procedure of issuing or denying issuing decisions on designation, its renewal and issuing its duplicate, expansion or reduction of area of designation, suspension and renovation of decision on designation and abolishment of this decision and ceasing invalid some Decrees”;
- of 02.03.2016 № 142 “On amendments to the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 21.05.2012 № 436”;
- of 24.06.2016 № 383 “On amendments to the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 14.05.2008 № 446”;
- of 31.05.2017 № 384 “On approving the criteria for assessing the risk of business activities on conformity assessment with requirements of technical regulations and...
determining the regularity of supervision (control) measures of state surveillance by the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade;

- “On approving the Rules of determining costs of activities on conformity assessment with technical regulations requirements, which are carried out by the designated conformity assessment bodies and recognized independent organizations”.

12 orders of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, namely:

- of 17.09.2015 № 1151 “On approving the application form for designation of certification body in the State Certification System” (registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 02.10.2015 № 1179/27624);
- of 08.10.2015 № 1282 “On approving the Procedure of formation and maintenance of technical regulations databases” (registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 27.10.2015 № 1309/27754);
- of 17.11.2015 № 1454 “On approving the Regulations on the Appeal Commission for consideration of appeals against decisions of designated bodies and recognized independent organizations and the Procedure of consideration of appeals” (registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 04.12.2015 № 1512/27957 and № 1513/27958);
- of 10.02.2016 № 224 “On approving the Procedure of formation and maintenance of the Register of designated conformity assessment bodies and recognized independent organizations and the Procedure of formation and maintenance of databases derived from designated conformity assessment bodies by the body that appoints” (registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 25.02.2016 №295/28425 and 296/28426);
- of 25.02.2016 № 308 “On approving the List of national standards, compliance with which provides presumption of conformity of conformity assessment bodies and recognized independent organizations with special requirements to the designated conformity assessment bodies and recognized independent organizations”;
- of 11.04.2017 № 557 “On approving the Plan of development of technical regulations in 2017”;
- of 28.03.2016 № 518 “On approving the Requirements to designated certification bodies in State Certification System ”;
- of 20.07.2016 № 1195 “On some issues of implementation of Article 141 of the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine “On standardization and certification” (registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 15.08.2016 № 1136/29266, 1137/29267, 1138/29268);
- of 01.08.2016 № 1262 “On approving the uniform forms of act being made up according to the results of a scheduled (unscheduled) inspections of designated conformity assessment body or recognized independent organization on compliance with requirements to the designated conformity assessment bodies or recognized independent organizations and execution of their obligations established by the Law of Ukraine “On technical regulations and conformity assessment” and by relevant technical regulations” (registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 18.08.2016 №1142/29272);
- of 01.09.2016 № 1442 “On creation of Commission for appeals against the decisions of designated conformity assessment bodies”;
- of 08.11.2016 № 1873 “On approving the uniform act based on results of planned (unplanned) inspection of certification body regarding the fulfillment of rules and order of products certification in the state certification system” (registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 25.11.2016 №1526/29656);
- of 19.12.2016 № 2094 “On approving the methodological recommendations on forming the lists of national standards, compliance with which provides presumption of
conformity of products, related processes, production methods or other facilities with technical regulations requirements".

According to the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 10.05.93 № 46-93 "On Standardization and Certification" product certification in Ukraine is divided into mandatory and voluntary.

Products, for which legislative or normative documents set obligatory requirements regarding safety for life and health of consumers as well as for their property and environment is subject to mandatory certification. Mandatory certification is performed exceptionally in the State Certification System and includes inspection and testing of products for identifying its characteristics and further technical surveillance for product certification.

Voluntary certification of conformity with requirements of normative documents agreed with supplier and consumer is performed at the initiative of manufacturer, seller, consumer, governmental bodies, public organizations on the basis of an agreement between applicant and certification body for defining conformity of products with requirements, which are not considered as obligatory.

Product certification is performed in order stated in national standards and rules developed on their basis, which is mainly similar for different types of products. Certification of imported products is performed according to the same procedures that for national ones.

Organizational basis of the State Certification System in Ukraine consists of 12 state standards:
- DSTU 3410-96. State Certification System. Main Provisions;
- DSTU 3412-96. State Certification System. Requirements to Testing Laboratories;
- DSTU 3413-96. State Certification System. Order of Performing Products Certification;
- DSTU 3415-96. State Certification System. System Register;
- DSTU 3417-96. State Certification System. Procedure of Recognition of Certification Results of Imported Products;
- DSTU 3418-96. State Certification System. Requirements to Auditors and Order of Their Attestation;
- DSTU 3420-96. State Certification System. Requirements to Quality Systems Certification Bodies and Order of Their Accreditation;
- DSTU 3498-96. State Certification System. Document Sheets. Form and Description;

Product certification in the State Certification System is performed according to the Rules for certification of homogeneous products. Today this List consists of 6 documents, namely:
1. Order of the State Committee of Ukraine for Standardization, Metrology and Certification of 13 September, 1996 № 378 “On approving the Rules for mandatory certification of tobacco goods” registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 03.10.1996 № 569/1594;


133 certification bodies are designated for carrying out certification in the State Certification System. This number of certification bodies fully meets the needs of local businesses in certification of any product mix.

State Certification System provides for a variety of schemes of certification. At the request of the applicant certification of products can be made by the following schemes:

1. Certification of separate line of products;

2. Certification of serial production with inspection, attestation of production, certification (assessment) of quality management systems.

Ukraine, while fulfilling its obligations on meeting provisions of the WTO Agreements, systematically reduces the List of products subject to mandatory certification (hereinafter referred to as “the List”) by the way of moving from mandatory certification to its conformity assessment with technical regulations requirements. The List is reduced resulting from implementation of technical regulations on particular kinds of products.

Within the framework of these commitments for the period from 2005 to 2016 the List was reduced by 87.6% by excluding from it products covered by technical regulations, as well as products with low risk.

According to the Law of Ukraine “On Technical Regulations and Conformity Assessment” the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 10.05.1993 № 46-93 “On Standardization and Certification” will be terminated on 01.01.2018.

The List is approved pursuant to the provisions of the Decree, so 100 % of the List positions will be canceled after 01.01.2018.

Ukraine also has joined to the international certification systems of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), namely:

- System for Conformity Testing and Certification of Electrotechnical Equipment and Components (IECEE) under the CB scheme;

- Quality Assessment System for Electronic Components (IECQ).
The adoption of the Law of Ukraine "On Technical Regulations and Conformity Assessment" in particular creates a legal basis for adaptation of a "vertical (sectoral) legislation" as defined by part two of Annex III to the EU – Ukraine Association Agreement, as according to Articles 56 and 57 of Chapter 3 "Technical Barriers to Trade" of the EU – Ukraine Association Agreement Ukrainian side should take the necessary steps to sign the Agreement on Conformity Assessment and Acceptance of Industrial Products (hereinafter referred to as "the ACAA Agreement").

Ukraine’s accession to the ACAA Agreement will enable products covered by this Agreement to be placed on the EU internal market without additional testing and conformity assessment procedures.

Among 27 sectors identified in Annex III, 24 technical regulations were adopted in Ukraine on the basis of relevant EU legislative acts, 23 of them are mandatory for use. It remains to develop another 3 technical regulations in relevant sectors (on explosives for civil use, packaging and packaging waste, high-speed railways).

At the same time due to changes in European legislation, under which a number of the EU Directives was revised and laid down in new edition, the revision of adopted technical regulations is carried out with a view to their maximum aligning to new versions of the EU Directives.

Today separate technical regulations are aligned with the EU legislative acts (electromagnetic compatibility of equipment, low-voltage electrical equipment, machinery safety, safety of toys, medical devices, medical devices for in vitro diagnostic; active implantable medical devices, equipment and defense systems for use in explosive atmosphere, radio and telecommunications terminal equipment and its mutual recognition if conformity, energy labeling).

Currently works on preparation for signing of the ACAA Agreement in three determined sectors of Ukrainian industry (low-voltage equipment, electromagnetic compatibility, machinery), which have been prioritized with the participation of central executive bodies and other interested organizations, are being continued.

As for today works on aligning technical regulations in the above-mentioned three sectors of industrial products to European legislation are completed. As a result the following technical regulations were adopted:

- Technical regulations on machinery safety, approved by the Government’s Decree on 30.01.2013 № 62;
- Technical regulations on low-voltage electrical equipment, approved by the Government’s Decree on 16.12.2015 № 1067;

65 conformity assessment bodies accredited by the National Accreditation Agency of Ukraine (NAAU) were designated for the purposes of the ACAA Agreement.

1642 national standards, which are identical to harmonized European standards and conformity with which provides for the presumption of conformity of equipment with requirements of technical regulations in the priority sectors (low-voltage equipment – 737 standards, electromagnetic compatibility – 136 standards, machinery – 769 standards) and are necessary for inclusion in the list of national standards, are adopted in Ukraine.

In January 2016 the Ukrainian side appealed to the European side with a request to initiate the verification process of approximation of Ukrainian legislation to the relevant EU legislation in order to sign the ACAA Agreement in the above-mentioned sectors.
In response, the EU side positively assessed intentions of the Ukrainian side to launch negotiations regarding signing the ACAA Agreement and informed that by September 2016 it must be prepared a roadmap defining objectives and time frames of the evaluation for all parties involved.

With this aim a Draft Road Map (Timetable) of actions regarding beginning of the EU formal evaluation process of Ukrainian quality infrastructure has been prepared. For the Draft Roadmap implementation the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine cooperated on a regular basis with experts from short-term project “Technical Assistance to the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine on implementation of new legislation in the field of technical regulations, conformity assessment, metrology and standardization”.

The basic sectoral acts of Ukrainian legislation were submitted to the European side through diplomatic channels in early June 2016. The Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine approved Lists of national standards, compliance with which or with their parts thereof provides presumption of conformity of products, related processes, production methods or other facilities with technical regulations requirements and prepared the Concordance tables on state of compliance of relevant laws and priority technical regulations of Ukraine in the field of technical regulation with provisions of the relevant EU legislation were prepared and sent to the European side through diplomatic channels in November 2016.

As of January, 2017 according to the Road Map the European Side has conducted evaluation of alignment level of Ukrainian legislative acts with relevant European legislative acts and, in general, provide for a positive assessment.

In the nearest future the Ukrainian Side expects for the second phase of evaluation regarding the readiness of Ukrainian institutions to conduct their activities due to the requirements of renewed legislative and regulatory framework of Ukraine and expresses hope that the ACAA Agreement in three priority sectors of industrial products will be signed by the end of this year.

Simultaneously, the issue regarding the expansion of the ACAA Agreement on the next priority sectors of industrial products in accordance with Annex III to the Association Agreement is being considered currently. It will allow increasing the competitiveness of domestic products and expanding export capacity of Ukraine.

There are 53 technical regulations adopted in Ukraine in general, 50 of them are developed on the basis of the EU legislative acts, including Directives of New and Global Approaches, 49 of them are mandatory for use.

The infrastructure of the designated bodies for assessing conformity of production to the requirements of technical regulations is made up of 108 accredited bodies. Also, the National Accreditation Agency of Ukraine has accredited 449 test laboratories.

### Technical regulations adopted in Ukraine

#### including those ones developed on the basis of the European legislative acts


3. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 05.09.2007 № 1103 “On approving Technical regulations on marine equipment”.
5. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 20.08.2008 № 717 “On approving Technical regulations on detergents”.
6. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 27.08.2008 № 748 “On approving Technical regulations on hot water boilers fired with liquid and gaseous fuels”.
7. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 27.08.2008 № 761 “On approving Technical regulations on personal protective equipment”.
8. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 03.09.2008 № 787 “On approving Technical regulations on maximum energy consumption for refrigeration equipment”.
11. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 05.11.2008 № 967 “On approving Technical regulations on transportable pressure equipment”.
15. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 27.05.2015 № 340 “On approving Technical regulations on energy labelling of electrical lamps and luminaires”.
17. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 18.07.2007 № 939 “On approving Technical regulations on packaging for storage and disposal of radioactive waste”.
19. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 24.06.09 № 679 “On approving Technical regulations on radio and telecommunications terminal equipment” (Decree of the
Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 24.05.2017 № 355 “On approving Technical regulations on radio equipment” enters into force on 01.04.2018).


23. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 25.11.2009 № 1262 “On approving Technical regulations on safety and protection signs of workers’ health”.

24. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 01.03.2010 № 193 “On approving Technical regulations of delivery of services related to passenger and loads transportation by railway”.


27. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 18.05.2011 № 529 “On approving Technical regulations on ecological labelling”.

28. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 09.06.2011 № 632 “On approving Technical regulations on labelling of the materials used in the main components of footwear for sale to the consumer”.

29. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 03.08.2011 № 839 “On approving Technical regulations on pyrotechnic articles”.

30. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 09.11.2011 № 1147 “On approving Technical regulations on recreational crafts”.

31. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 28.12.2011 № 1367 “On approving Technical regulations on type-approval of agricultural or forestry tractors, their trailers and interchangeable towed machinery, their systems, components and separate technical units”.


33. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 30.01.2013 № 62 “On approving Technical regulations on machinery safety”.

34. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 11.07.2013 № 494 “On approving Technical regulations on the safety of railway transport infrastructure”.


36. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 01.08.2013 № 927 “On approving Technical regulations on requirements to motor petrol, diesel, marine and boiler fuel”.

37. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 07.08.2013 № 702 “On approving Technical regulations on energy labelling” (Technical regulation on energy labelling of energy consuming products).

38. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 07.08.2013 № 702 “On approving Technical regulations on energy labelling” (Technical regulation on energy labelling of household electrical refrigerators).
39. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 07.08.2013 № 702 "On approving Technical regulations on energy labelling" (Technical regulation on energy labelling of household washing machines).

40. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 02.10.2013 № 753 "On approving Technical regulations on medical devices".

41. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 02.10.2013 № 754 "On approving Technical regulations on medical devices for laboratory in vitro diagnostic".

42. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 02.10.2013 № 755 "On approving Technical regulations on active implantable medical devices".

43. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 17.07.2015 № 514 "On approving Technical regulations on energy labelling of household dishwashing machines".

44. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 19.08.2015 № 607 "On approving Technical regulations on bottles used as measuring containers".

45. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 16.12.2015 № 1193 "On approving the Technical Regulations on certain goods packed in finished package by weight and volume";

46. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 30.12.2015 № 1194 "On approving the Technical Regulations on safety of railway rolling stock".

47. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 16.12.2015 № 1062 "On approving the Technical Regulations on non-automatic weighing instruments".

48. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 24.01.2016 № 163 "On approving the Technical Regulations on measuring instruments".

49. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 13.01.2016 № 94 "On approving the Technical Regulations on legally regulated measuring instruments".

50. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 24.05.2017 № 359 "On approving the Technical Regulations on energy labeling of televisions" (enters into force six months after the date of its official publication).

51. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 24.05.2017 № 360 "On approving the Technical Regulations on energy labeling of air conditioners" (enters into force six months after the date of its official publication).

52. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 31.05.2017 № 380 "On approving the Technical Regulation on the energy labeling of household drum dryers" (enters into force six months after the date of its official publication).

53. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 31.05.2017 № 381 "On approving the Technical Regulations on vacuum energy labeling" (enters into force six months after the date of its official publication).

In the field of accreditation

National Accreditation Agency of Ukraine (hereinafter referred to as “the NAAU”) operates under the Law of Ukraine “On accreditation of conformity assessment bodies” and the Regulations on the National Accreditation Agency of Ukraine (hereinafter referred to as “the Regulations”) approved by the Order of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine of 08.02.2017 № 161.

According to provisions of paragraph 1 of the Regulations the NAAU is a state organization established by the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, belongs to its jurisdiction and carries out non-profit activity. According to provisions of
paragraph 3 of the Regulations the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine has no right to interfere in the NAAU activity in the field of accreditation.

According to paragraph 8 of the Regulations the main powers of the NAAU are the following:

- accreditation of conformity assessment bodies, including making decisions on accreditation, refusal of accreditation, expansion and limitation of the scope of accreditation, temporary suspension and renewal and cancellation of accreditation certificate;
- monitoring of compliance of accredited conformity assessment bodies with accreditation requirements (hereinafter referred to as “monitoring”) through the surveillance, conducting repetitive and special assessments;
- approval of the Procedures for accreditation, accreditation programs, order of monitoring, order of handling complaints related to the accredited conformity assessment bodies, qualification requirements, procedures and rules for attestation of personnel on accreditation, composition of attestation commission of personnel on accreditation;
- organizing selection, studying, training and attestation of personnel on accreditation, engaging it to the work on accreditation;
- keeping a Register of accredited conformity assessment bodies and Register of personnel on accreditation;
- participation in work on harmonization of regulatory acts, national standards and other documents on accreditation with international and European rules and standards that define requirements for national accreditation body of Ukraine and accredited conformity assessment bodies;
- representation and participation of Ukraine in international, European and other regional organizations for accreditation;
- concluding agreements on cooperation and mutual recognition of accreditation of conformity assessment bodies;
- organization of information support on accreditation, including publication of texts of regulatory acts and other documents on accreditation, information on types of activities on conformity assessment accredited by the NAAU and any related changes (with reference to the relevant regulatory acts and standards) on its website;
- performance of functions related to accreditation of other bodies than conformity assessment bodies, and certification of individuals’ competences in proceeding other activity than conformity assessment in some cases established by the legislation.

As of 2011 the NAAU received a status of signatory of the Bilateral Agreement on Recognition with the European Cooperation for Accreditation (EA) in the area of “Accreditation of personnel certification bodies”.

On 23 November, 2011 an Agreement on Associated Membership was signed between the NAAU and the EA.

In order to expand recognition of the NAAU at the European level the EA on 24 May, 2012 confirmed recognition of the NAAU for the area of “Accreditation of personnel certification bodies” and signed an agreement on expansion of recognition of national accreditation system for new areas, namely: “Accreditation of calibration laboratories”, “Accreditation of testing laboratories”, “Accreditation of management systems certification bodies”.

On 20 November, 2014 the NAAU became a signatory of the Bilateral Agreement on Recognition with the EA in the area of “Accreditation of inspection bodies”.

On 1–2 October, 2015 the NAAU representatives attended the 34th meeting of the Council of the Multilateral Agreement of the European Cooperation for Accreditation
(MAC) that took place in Berlin (Germany), during which it was decided to obtain the NAAU a status of signatory in the area of “Accreditation of product certification bodies”.

On 26 November, 2015 the expanding for Agreement with the EA for the direction of “Accreditation of products certification bodies” was signed.

In 2013 the NAAU started preparations for joining the Agreement of the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) on Mutual Recognition (MRA) and Associated Membership in the ILAC.

On 16 September, 2014 the NAAU received a status of Associated Member of the ILAC.

On 24 September, 2014 the NAAU received a status of a Full Member of the ILAC and became a signatory of the ILAC MRA Agreement in the area of “Accreditation of calibration and testing laboratories”.

On 11 December, 2014 the NAAU expanded its recognition and become a signatory of the ILAC MRA Agreement in the area of “Accreditation of inspection bodies”.

In August, 2016 the NAAU submitted an application for membership in the International Accreditation Forum (IAF). As of today this application is being considered by the IAF members according to the established procedure.

Accreditation of conformity assessment bodies, which is carried by the NAAU, is equivalent to accreditation by any other recognized European national accreditation body.

Accreditation is carried by the NAAU according to the Law of Ukraine “On Accreditation of Conformity Assessment Bodies” with considering the requirements of International and European standards in the field of accreditation of conformity assessment bodies.

One of the basic principles of management and leadership commitments is the NAAU’s focus on all stakeholders and establishing partnership with them.

Potential customers, for which access to provision of accreditation services is opened, can be any conformity assessment bodies, regardless of their ownership.

In order to ensure activity transparency the NAAU regularly takes part in information events, which also examine the customers’ needs and proposals for cooperation.

Any accredited conformity assessment body may use the national mark of accreditation in accordance with instructions “Description and rules for application of national accreditation mark” and “Procedure for usage of marks for accreditation”.

Accredited conformity assessment body, which carries out activities under the scope of the NAAU recognition in ILAC, may use the ILAC MRA combined mark in accordance with the instructions “Procedure for usage of marks for accreditation”.

The NAAU carries out accreditation of conformity assessment bodies in the following areas:

- testing and calibration laboratories – according to the requirements of DSTU ISO/IEC 17025:2006 “General requirements for competence of testing and calibration laboratories”;
- management systems certification bodies – according to the requirements of the DSTU EN ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 “Conformity Assessment. Requirements for bodies performing audit and management systems certification. Part 1. Requirements”;
- personnel certification bodies – according to the requirements of the DSTU EN ISO/IEC 17024:2014 “Conformity Assessment. General requirements to bodies performing personnel certification”;
- inspection bodies – according to the requirements of the DSTU EN ISO/IEC 17020:2014 “Conformity assessment. Requirements for activity of various types of bodies performing inspection”;

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- certification bodies – according to the requirements of the DSTU EN ISO/IEC 17065:2014 “Conformity assessment. Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services”;
- medical laboratories – according to the requirements of the DSTU EN ISO 15189:2015 “Medical laboratories. Requirements for quality and competency”.

Detailed information on the NAAU’s activity is available on the website: www.naau.org.ua.

Further work will be connected with implementation of all the tasks related to reformation of technical regulation system, in particular those defined in the Program of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine approved by the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 09.12.2014 № 695, namely:
- adoption of the priority technical regulations in the fields of metrology and conformity assessment;
- modernization of equipment and material and technical basis of testing and calibration laboratories for the next period;
- recognition of Ukrainian accreditation system at the European level.

**The main perspective directions for the Ministry’s activity for 2017 in the field of technical regulation are the following:**

1. Recognition of Ukrainian technical regulation system at the international level (making preparations for signing the ACAA Agreement for certain types of products between Ukraine and EU).
3. Adoption of 1000 national standards harmonized with International and European ones by the methods of “translation” and “confirmation”.
4. Creation, improvement and comparison of national standards.
5. Authorization of business entities to conduct verification of measuring instruments, which are in operation and are used in the field of legally regulated metrology, and monitoring of their compliance with Law of Ukraine “On metrology and metrological activity” and criteria they must meet;
6. Taking steps to become a full member of the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML) and to sign the Metric Convention to participate fully in the Agreement on mutual recognition of national measurement standards and of calibration and measurement certificates issued by National Metrology Institutes (CIPM MRA);
7. Coordination of activity on bringing regulatory acts developed by other central executive bodies in line with Law of Ukraine “On metrology and metrological activity”.
8. Adoption of new technical regulations and aligning technical regulations of Ukraine with the EU legislative acts. 34 technical regulations are planned to be adopted in 2017 (22 new technical regulations and 12 amendments to technical regulations in force). The Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine is responsible for adoption of 6 technical regulations among the above-mentioned technical regulations.
9. Strengthening institutional capacity of national accreditation, standardization, conformity assessment and market surveillance bodies within the framework of implementation of the Twinning Project “Strengthening the capacity of Ukrainian national standardization body by approximation to EU standards” and the EU long-term technical assistance Project “Further regulatory harmonization between the EU and Ukraine in the area of technical barriers to trade”.


10. Modernization of standard, testing and measuring equipment.

11. Conducting two-level training campaign at the national and regional levels and strengthening feedback from the business.

Development of technical regulation system on principles operating in the European Union, in particular bringing rules and procedures of Ukrainian technical regulation system in line with international and European practices, strengthening institutional development of the country with a view to implementing the EU – Ukraine Association Agreement in the field of technical regulation, will improve the level of social stability and prosperity of the country, promote further development of trade and investment cooperation with the European Union countries and enhance elimination of technical barriers to trade.