

Memorandum of Understanding
Between
IFIA and ACIL

Considering that IFIA (the International Federation of Inspection Agencies) was established in 1982, with aims:

- To improve the methods, standards, safety procedures and rules used by its members
- To establish legally defensible terms and conditions of business
- To promote legal recognition of the profession as being associated with trust and integrity
- To defend the interests of its members and promote the value of their services

And

Considering that ACIL (the American Council of Independent Laboratories) was established in 1937, with aims:

- To serve clients in an unbiased and independent manner, with honesty and competence.
- To actively support accreditation, training and other programs that advance high-quality services.
- To offer means for members to improve operations, refine business and management skills, and grow as leaders.
- To promote and protect the interests of independent scientific, engineering and testing firms.
- To foster a business environment where independence is valued and competition is fair.

IFIA and ACIL will work together with a view to create synergies, leverage resources and speak with a single voice on matters of common interest. Therefore, IFIA and ACIL have agreed to:

1. Identify areas of common interests and work together to develop and implement strategies and action plans,
2. Exchange views and, wherever possible, achieve consensus positions on policy matters of interest to the members of both organizations,
3. Co-ordinate, where appropriate, participation in committees or other forums and engagement with relevant stakeholders, including policymakers, accreditation bodies, industry, among other groups,
4. Co-ordinate, where appropriate, the content and programming of workshops and seminars
5. Attend one another's relevant committees, as is determined appropriate, as observers

This Memorandum of Understanding is for a period of three years, after which the parties will decide on its prolongation, amendment or termination. Either party can terminate the MoU by providing 90 day written notice. Furthermore, all meetings, gatherings and activities organised under the framework of this MoU will be in strict compliance with international competition and anti-trust regulations.

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