

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE GENERAL INCORPORATED FOUNDATION VCCI COUNCIL
AND
THE NATIONAL VOLUNTARY LABORATORY ACCREDITATION PROGRAM
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY
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GAITHERSBURG, MD 20899-2140
FOR
COOPERATION RELATING TO
ACCREDITATION AND REGISTRATION OF
ELECTROMAGNETIC ENVIRONMENT TESTING LABORATORIES

The General Incorporated Foundation VCCI Council, hereafter referred to as "VCCI", was originally formed as a voluntary organization in 1985 by four Japanese industry associations and changed to a juridical corporate body in April 2009. The VCCI recommends voluntary technical control for electromagnetic emissions from information technology equipment, such as computers, telecommunication products and electronic office products.

The National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program, hereafter referred to as "NVLAP", provides third-party accreditation to testing and calibration laboratories, and is a signatory to the Mutual Recognition Arrangements of the Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APLAC) and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC).

NVLAP accredits calibration and testing laboratories in a variety of fields, including Electromagnetic Compatibility and Telecommunications. Under this MOU NVLAP intends to provide:

- (a) accreditation of electromagnetic compatibility testing laboratories by NVLAP based on Normative Annex 1 Technical Requirements of the Rules for Voluntary Control Measures of VCCI, hereafter referred to as "Technical Requirements," and
- (b) information to VCCI concerning VCCI member measuring facilities of electromagnetic compatibility testing laboratories accredited by NVLAP, hereafter referred to as "Accredited Laboratory."

In the above premises VCCI and NVLAP agree to the following provisions.

1. VCCI shall keep e-documents on the Technical Requirements up to date in its Website (<http://www.vcci.jp/>) for NVLAP to download them any time.

Note: VCCI's new policy dictates that VCCI will in principle not make its Rules and Technical Requirements available in hardcopy form.

2. NVLAP shall carry out accreditation of electromagnetic compatibility testing laboratories based on the latest version of e-documents on the Technical Requirements in the VCCI Website.

3. NVLAP shall provide VCCI "Certificate of Accreditation" and "Scope of Accreditation". They should include the accreditation number, name of the laboratory, name of the measuring site of the laboratory, type of measuring facilities (*) and scope of the accreditation. Also NVLAP shall promptly provide VCCI with pertinent information in an appropriate way when there have been changes in the substance of the accreditation such as reduction of the scope, nullification, temporary suspension and relinquishment of accreditation.

* Note: Types of measuring facilities include facilities to measure radiated EMI, mains port conducted EMI and telecommunication ports conducted EMI.

4. When VCCI files a complaint concerning the competency of an Accredited Laboratory, VCCI may request that NVLAP investigate the concern in accordance with NVLAP's established complaints handling process.
5. This MOU shall enter in force upon signature by both parties and remains in force for a period of two (2) years. This MOU may be renewed for subsequent two (2) year periods upon written agreement of NVLAP and VCCI. Either party may terminate this agreement upon ninety (90) days written notice to the other party.
6. Activities conducted under this MOU are subject to and dependent upon the availability of funds and other necessary resources to the parties. Neither party is required to obligate funds to the activities contemplated under this MOU.
7. Any issues arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MOU will be settled amicably through consultations between NVLAP and VCCI.

Signed in two copies to be owned by each party;

VCCI

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(Date) 13 April, 2011

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(Date) 12 May, 2011

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