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Introduction

In 2016, 2030 Vision has been launched to unleash the potential of economic sectors and promote economic development in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The Saudi Vision 2020 included among one key objective, namely to localize no less than 50% of spending on military equipment by 2030. To reflect the Kingdom's ambition to enhance the national military industrialization capabilities, Council of Ministers issued a Royal Order to establish General Authority for Military Industries (GAMI). The Royal Order also aims to localize the military industries sector in the Kingdom and make it an important pillar of the national economy. Therefore, GAMI is the authority that is responsible for legislating the regulations of military industries in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and responsible for regulating, developing it and monitoring its performance.

GAMI undertakes a vital role in supporting military industries sector to contribute mainly to creating job opportunities for citizens, enhancing non-oil proceeds and directly raising its contribution to the gross domestic production. Further, it aims to enhance the Kingdom's independence, its military and security readiness by building a local military and security industries sector. In this regard, the Kingdom shall be entitled to take any necessary action to achieve its goals, where Article (3.4) of GAMI Law stated: "Developing standards of military industries and supervising their implementation in participation with the concerned authorities."



Chapter I: General Provisions

Article (1): Definitions:

The following terms, wherever mentioned herein, shall have the meanings assigned thereto unless the context otherwise requires:

Term	Definition
Government / KSA	The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
GAMI	The General Authority for Military Industries
Policy	Standards, Specifications, Testing and Quality Policy For Military Industries Sector
Military Industries Sector	The suppliers, main contractors, subcontractors and any other entities that provide services to support military industries activities
Facility	An entity that operates in any of the military activities supervised or licensed by GAMI.
Military and Security entities	The Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of National Guard, Presidency of Royal Guard, Presidency of State Security, and General Intelligence Presidency
Related Parties	The parties authorized to supervise facilities operating in the military industries sector according to applicable laws, regulations, decisions and the like.
Licensee	A legal person who is licensed to practice any of activities subject to control and supervision of GAMI.
License	An authorization issued by GAMI authorizing Facilities to run any of activities licensed by GAMI
End User	The military or security entity or any other entity that benefits from the product / service provided by the military industries sector
Products	A finished or semi-finished material/s produced by an industrial undertaking in addition to commodities, machines, devices and the like.
Standards & Specifications	A set of standard technical requirements, conditions, and specifications that needs to be met in a specific material, design, product, or service.
Technical Regulations	A document approved by the Board of Directors, setting conditions and requirements for the producer or supplier as to the product and the related processes, production methods and conformity assessment, as well as responsibilities of the regulatory entities in GAMI to verify application of those requirements.
Military Industries Activities	Activities licensed by GAMI according to Military Industries Activities Regulations
Quality Assurance	The processes that define, measure and analyze basic operations related to products / services provided to the customer.

Article (2): Statement of Purpose:

1. Develop supervisory functions and responsibilities of GAMI and related parties, which are related to standards, specifications, testing and quality.

2. Ensure compliance by the facilities operating in military industries sector with the technical regulations for standards, specifications, testing and quality, and the National Assessment Standards for Military and Security Products issued by GAMI.
3. Regulate application of standards, specifications, testing, quality and assessment standards and issue accreditation certification.
4. Assess performance of facilities operating in military industries sector.

Article (3): Scope of Policy:

The provisions of this document shall apply to all facilities operating in military industries sector, which carry out any of activities supervised or licensed by GAMI. This document shall not apply to military and security entities.

Chapter II: Military and Security Standards and Specifications

Article (4): Standards and Specifications (GAMI's Role):

1. Issue and periodically update standards and specifications for military and security products.
2. Issue standards and specifications for military and security products for each classification.
3. Issue and periodically update technical regulations for military and security products.
4. Verify that the facilities operating in military industries sector comply with military and security standards.
5. GAMI will establish Standards and Specification Committee, which will be presided by GAMI Governor and membered by Military and Security Entities.
6. GAMI will establish sub-committees as stated in Paragraph (5) above; such committees shall be presided by GAMI and Deputy Chairman shall be a representatives of one of Military and Security Entities, and membered by Military and Security Entities, GAMI concerned departments, military industrial facilities, laboratories and research agencies, as GAMI may deem fit.
7. Seek assistance of local and international experts to participate in sub-committees as per the field of competence of each committee.
8. Without prejudice to local or international laws, GAMI may access data and information of licensees.

Article (5): Standards and Specifications (Role of Military and Security Entities):

1. Participate in specialized sub-committees to consider and prepare standards and specifications for military and security products by nominating the proper experts as per the field of competence of each committee.
2. Include standards and specifications of military and security products in military contracts.
3. Designate a department at each agency to be in charge of military and security standards and specifications.

Article (6): Standards and Specifications (Obligations of Facilities Operating in Military Industries Sector):

1. All facilities operating in military industries sector shall apply relevant laws, regulations and instructions and the like that is related to standards and specifications issued by GAMI and sector-related agencies.
2. All facilities operating in military industries sector shall comply with standards and specifications of military and security products as stipulated under contracts and technical regulations issued by GAMI.

3. All Licensees shall ensure that all products, whether manufactured or imported, conform to military and security standards and specifications by providing GAMI with certification and reports issued by GAMI's certified agencies and laboratories.
4. All facilities that operate in military industries sector shall not hinder GAMI's representatives from practicing their supervisory powers under laws and regulations and the like issued by GAMI.
5. Participate in sub-committees, upon GAMI's request, by nominating suitable competencies and experts, as per competence of each committee.

Chapter III: Testing and Evaluation of Military and Security Products

Article (7): Testing and Evaluation (GAMI's Role):

1. Issue and periodically update regulations and policies and the like, which are related to military and security products testing and evaluation national centers.
2. Develop qualifications and accreditation for military and security products laboratories, verification bodies, testing and evaluation national centers inside the Kingdom and abroad.

Article (8): Testing and Evaluation (Role of Military and Security Entities):

Military and Security Entities shall seek assistance of GAMI-certified testing and evaluation centers to conform military and security products to military and security standards and specifications stipulated under contracts and give priority to national testing and evaluation centers.

Article (9): Testing and Evaluation (Obligations of Facilities Operating in Military Industries Sector):

1. Facilities operating in Military Industries Sector shall seek assistance of GAMI-certified testing and evaluation centers to ensure conformity of military and security products to military and security standards and specifications stipulated under technical regulations issued by GAMI or military contracts and give priority to national testing and evaluation centers.
2. Fees for conducting tests at GAMI-certified testing and evaluation centers shall be charged to obtain reports and compliance certificates for standards and specifications of military and security products.

Article (10): Testing and Evaluation (Obligations of Testing and Evaluation Centers and Verification Bodies):

Testing and evaluation centers and verification bodies desiring to obtain qualification and accreditation shall comply with all laws, regulations and instructions and the like issued by GAMI.

Chapter IV: Quality

Article (11): Quality (GAMI's Role):

1. Issue quality controls, standards and requirements for facilities operating in the military industries sector.
2. Issue quality assurance procedures for military and security products.
3. Supervise and control quality of manufacturing of military and security products inside the Kingdom and in the country of origin when supplying such goods from abroad.

Article (12): Quality (Role of Military and Security Entities):

Military and Security Entities shall include quality standards and requirements in military contracts.

Article (13): Quality (Obligations of Facilities Operating in Military Industries Sector):

1. Facilities operating in military industries sector shall apply quality controls, standards and requirements respectively.
2. Facilities operating in military industries sector shall apply the internationally recognized quality standards.
3. Facilities operating in military industries sector shall apply quality standards referred to in military contracts, laws and regulations issued by GAMI.
4. All facilities operating in military industries sector shall not hinder GAMI's representatives from practicing their supervisory powers under laws and regulations and the like issued by GAMI.
5. When supplying such products from abroad, facilities operating in military industries sector shall take necessary actions to facilitate functions of GAMI or its representative; by participation of Military and Security Entity in supervision and control of quality of manufacturing military and security products in the country of origin.

Chapter IV: Violation of Policy

Article (14): Violations & Administrative Penalties

In case of violation of this Policy by any facility, GAMI may apply the appropriate administrative penalties according to type, nature and severity of violation, including for example:

1. Administrative warning to the violating facility, including details of the violation, the action to be taken by the facility, and the grace period granted by GAMI for making good such violation.
2. Suspension of the license for the period GAMI deems appropriate, renewable for other periods if the facility fails to rectify the violation.
3. Disqualification from future military tenders and procurements.
4. Cancellation of license.

Chapter V: Final Provisions

Article (15):

1. GAMI may interpret, review and update this document when needed, and to submit the update proposal to GAMI's Board of Directors.
2. For matters not covered herein, the laws, regulations and the like issued by GAMI or the relevant legislative authorities in the Kingdom shall apply.
3. Without prejudice to the regulatory requirements contained in other laws and regulations, this Policy is binding and all parties and individuals working in the sector shall work to facilitate and enhance compliance herewith within the sector.
4. This Policy shall enter into force as from its date of approval and publication.

