

**Instructions for the year 2019- Instructions for the Inspection of Factories Benefiting from the Decision of the Jordanian-European Partnership Committee Related to the Simplification of the Rules of Origin for Jordanian Factories Exporting to the European Union for the year 2019.**

**Article (1)**

These Instructions are called "the Instructions for the Inspection of Factories Benefiting from the Decision of the Jordanian-European Partnership Committee Related to the Simplification of the Rules of Origin for Jordanian Factories Exporting to the European Union for the year 2019" (hereinafter referred to as "Instructions") issued under Article (11) of the Labour Inspectors Regulations No. 56 of 1996 and shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

**Article (2)**

The following words and phrases shall have the meaning ascribed in the Instructions hereunder unless the otherwise indicated by context:

**Ministry:** Ministry of Labor

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**Organization:** International Labour Organization, Better Work Jordan Project of the International Labour Organization.

**Partnership agreement:** Partnership Agreement between the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the European Union.

**Decision of the Partnership Committee:** Decision of the Jordanian-European Partnership Committee No. (1/2018) dated (4/12/2018) amending Decision No. (1/2016) related to the simplification of the rules of origin for Jordanian factories to the European Union, and in implementation of Decision No. (2/2016) dated (19/7/2016) related to the mechanisms for implementing Decision No. (1/2016).

**Joint Committee:** The committee formed by the Ministry's Labour inspectors and representatives of the organization.

**Authorization No.:** The number designated by the Jordanian Customs to the factory that complies with the conditions stipulated in the decision simplifying the rules of origin for export to the European Union.

**Agreement:** Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the Field of the Protection of Human Rights at Work between the International Labor Organization and the Ministry of Labor signed on 4/12/2016 and the

decision of His Excellency the Minister No. (SH/1/1/458) dated (8/1/2018).

### **Article (3)**

- a) Decision of the Jordanian-European Partnership Committee No. (1/2018) dated (4/12/2018) amending Decision No. (1/2016) related to the simplification of the rules of origin for Jordanian factories to the European Union, and in implementation of Decision No. (2/2016) dated (19/7/2016) related to the mechanisms for implementing Decision No. (1/2016).
- b) For the purposes of the application of Paragraph (A) of this Article, the Minister shall issue a decision containing the names of the factories holding the authorization number every three months and approved by the Minister of Industry, Trade and Supply.

### **Article (4)**

The Joint Committee shall conduct the inspection of the factories specified by the Minister's decision to verify, but not be limited to, the following conditions:

- a) Checking the size and percentage of Syrian Labour employed and comparing it with the percentage prescribed in the framework of the decision for factories that have an authorization number.
- b) Verifying the application of legal provisions related to working conditions and the protection of workers during the course of their work.

### **Article (5)**

For the purpose of inspecting the factories referred to in Article (3/ B) of these Instructions, the evaluation tools, inspection procedures, and reports shall be approved by a decision of the Minister or his authorized representative, taking into account the agreement entered into between the Ministry and the Organization.

### **Article (6)**

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The Joint Committee shall prepare a report for each factory to be inspected on the following topics:

- a) The number of workers in factories of Jordanian and non-Jordanian nationality.
- b) The ratio of Syrian workers to the total number of workers in the factory.
- c) The working conditions and standards that the factory complies with.
- d) The non-compliant working conditions of the factory.
- e) Extent of application of national and international decent work standards.
- f) An action plan to raise capacity, training and any other topics that require the application of the Labor Law and the legislation in force thereunder.

#### **Article (7)**

In the course of carrying out its inspection duties, the Joint Committee shall:

- 1- Refrain from publishing or sharing of the results of the preliminary evaluation of factories in the first year of the visit.
- 2- Share the results of the second evaluation for the second year of the visit exclusively with the Ministry and the European Union.
- 3- Publish the results of the evaluation for the third year of the visit on the website decided by the Minister or his authorized representative.

#### **Article (8)**

Factories with an authorization number shall participate in the Better Work Jordan Project without incurring any fees, expenses or financial expenses as a result.

#### **Article (9)**

The Minister may issue the necessary grounds for implementing the provisions of these Instructions, and/ or issue any exceptions he deems appropriate to any of their provisions.

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