

To all accredited and applicant Certification Bodies providing certification of products, processes and services.

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object: Dispositions regarding the transition of the accreditation of Certification Bodies (CBs) of products, processes and services from standard UNI CEI EN 45011:1999 to standard ISO/IEC 17065:2012.

On Sept. 15, 2012, the international standard ISO/IEC 17065:2012 "*Conformity assessment – Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services*" was published, applicable to CBs providing the certification of products, processes and services.

The standard ISO/IEC 17065:2012 replaces UNI CEI EN 45011:1999, which, however, continues to be valid during the transition period.

IAF has established a transition period of 36 months whereby all accreditation certificates issued against UNI CEI EN 45011:1999 shall be in conformity with the new standard.

New applications for accreditation

From Sept. 15, 2013, Accredia will not accept any new applications against EN 45011:1999, and after Sept. 15, 2014, accreditations will be granted only against ISO/IEC 17065:2012.

Transition management for CBs accredited against UNI CEI EN 45011:1999

All CBs accredited against UNI CEI EN 45011:1999 must prepare a transition program setting out the modifications necessary for the implementation of the new standard, giving details of the changes to be made to its management system, the list of documents which will be modified, the resources to be used, the program for personnel training and the timeframe for the completion of the modifications.

This transition program must be made available to Accredia by July 15, 2014, in advance of the transition audit. Accredia will verify application of the plan during the first due audit at the CB's location.

Accredia, unless specifically requested, will verify conformity with the new standard during the surveillance and renewal visits of the normal accreditation cycle, and all audits conducted after Sept. 15, 2014, will be carried out against the new standard.

Accredia wishes to avoid, as far as possible, any increase in costs for the CBs owing to the transition, except in special cases of persistent nonconformity with the standard resulting from specific requests which may involve supplementary or special inspection activities incurring additional expenses for the CB which will be communicated beforehand in accordance with the usual practices.

Any nonconformities raised against the new standard must be resolved positively prior to accreditation against ISO/IEC 17065:2012.

If actions which are not of great importance are not completed before Sept. 15, 2015, they must be identified by the CB and made known to Accredia on the occasion of the transition audit. The closure of such activities shall be verified during the next audit at the CB's location, also subsequent to the granting of accreditation against ISO/IEC 17065:2012.

From Sept. 15, 2015, all remaining accreditations against UNI CEI EN 45011:1999 will be annulled.

We would like to inform you that during February Accredia will participate at training sessions regarding these matters organized by EA, prepared exclusively for Accreditation Bodies.

For this reason Accredia reserves the right to alter the present dispositions in accordance with any EA or IAF directives and to draw up other documents to facilitate transition activities such as comparison lists, reference matrixes, guidelines and suchlike.

Please contact us for any further details or clarifications:

With our best regards,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Riva', positioned below the typed name of the Vice Director of the Department.