

Att.: *CBs accredited to ISO 17021*  
*Accredited and notified CBs which used ISO 17021-1 in the 1+ approach*  
*Recognized bodies and respective ABs*

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Subject.: **ACCREDIA Department of Certification and Inspection – Circular N° 27/2016**  
**Recommendations of the ACCREDIA Steering and Guarantee Committee**  
**regarding conflicts of interest**

The ACCREDIA Steering and Guarantee Committee unanimously approved, on July 14, the following document, attached to this Circular<sup>1</sup>, *Recommendations of the ACCREDIA Steering and Guarantee Committee regarding the definition of harmonized criteria for the verification of some requirements of the standard ISO/IEC 17021-1/15 during the assessment and surveillance of accredited certified bodies.*

The ACCREDIA Steering and Guarantee Committee is the committee whose task it is to put forward the contributions of the ACCREDIA Members and the proposals of members who are interested in accreditation activities and in the drawing up of operative policies, and in the good functioning of ACCREDIA, with the aim of ensuring competence, transparency and impartiality in accordance with the applicable standard.

This document may be used by ACCREDIA assessors for reference and checking during assessments and it may prove useful as a memo and guide for CBs which need to analyze and manage risks concerning impartiality.

It will be noted that many points contain examples related to the principles and requirements of the standard which could guide the behavior of CBs and of ACCREDIA in cases of doubt. The document contains indications, sometimes as examples and not exhaustive, agreed by all the interested parties for use in the management of accreditation files.

The document may be used with immediate effect, in line with the transition to ISO 17021-1.

With kind regards,

General Director  
Filippo Trifiletti

<sup>1</sup> The document is available on ACCREDIA's website  
[http://www.accredia.it/UploadDocs/6520\\_CIG\\_ACCREDIA\\_Raccomandazioni\\_ISO\\_IEC\\_17021.pdf](http://www.accredia.it/UploadDocs/6520_CIG_ACCREDIA_Raccomandazioni_ISO_IEC_17021.pdf)