

Att.: All accredited conformity assessment bodies

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Subject: Dispositions following the earthquakes in Central Italy

With reference to the recent earthquakes in central Italy (in the regions of Lazio, Marche, Umbria and nearby) the ACCREDIA management wishes to draw the attention of CABs to the Guideline IAF ID 3:2011, available on the IAF website.

The document, with priority application for the certification and accreditation of management systems, can nonetheless be considered as a reference guide for other accreditation activities.

a) Verifications performed by ACCREDIA

CABs which are in difficulty as a result of an earthquake can present their situation directly to the reference technical offices. An evaluation will be made on a case-by-case basis, trying, where possible, to postpone audits, or at least to do everything possible to make it easier to get through this difficult situation.

b) Audits performed by certification bodies

In cases of clients who were involved in the earthquake, management system certification bodies can apply the exemptions as set out in the Guideline IAF ID 3:2011.

The above dispositions are also applicable for IAF sector 28, quality management system

c) Audits performed by conformity assessment bodies

The CABs which are not included in the above paragraph can decide how to apply the Guideline IAF ID 3:2011 where this is possible and within the constraints of the law.

All initiatives undertaken with regard to this matter by a CAB shall be documented, justified and made available to ACCREDIA upon request.

Please contact us for any clarifications.

With kind regards


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