

Att.: All accredited and applicant certification bodies

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**Subject: ACCREDIA Department of Certification and Inspection – Circular N° 32/2016
IAF / ILAC General Assembly in New Delhi**

From October 26 to November 5 the International IAF and ILAC meetings were held in New Delhi.

There were about 350 attendees from all around the world, representing all the interested parties (certification and accreditation bodies, scheme owners, users, UNIDO, ISO...).

The aim of these meetings was to set out together the rules which all of us, in our different roles, must respect in the years to come.

It is a complex and important process, which must be followed very carefully.

Please find attached the relative resolutions, as well as some clarifications.

- 1) In the coming months ISO will prepare a document on the expected outcomes of certification activities. It will therefore be integrated with the documents already available for the standards ISO 9001 and ISO 14001. The objective is to clarify for the market what is guaranteed and what is not guaranteed by means of certification.
- 2) IAF has approved a new task force to create an applicative guide to the standard ISO 17021-1 for the Health and Safety schemes, starting from the document *EA EA-3/13: EA Document on the Application of ISO/IEC 17021-1 for the Certification of Occupational Health and Safety Management System*. ACCREDIA assessor Marco Cerri and Omodeo Zorini (DNV-LG, on behalf of IIOC), who have already coordinated EA activities, will be the two Task Force Team Leaders – a success for ACCREDIA, originating from the experience gained from Technical Regulation RT-12.
- 3) IAF has decided on a 3-year transition for the standard ISO 17011:2017.
- 4) IAF has decided that the transition period of the standard ISO 17021-2:2016 (due to be published on Nov. 15 or 16) will be 2 years.
- 5) ISO 50003: the Technical Areas template was adopted as mandatory. These areas shall be used also for the accreditation scopes for the EnMS scheme and as cluster for witnessings (IAF MD17).
- 6) IAF has decided that the transition period for the standards OHSAS 18001 and ISO 45001 (due to be published in July 2017 or, at the latest, December 2017) will be 3 years. The future standard ISO 45001 has already been endorsed by IAF.
- 7) IAF MD19 Multisite without sampling: the period of application was extended by one more year (deadline now being March 31, 2018), to allow for the publication of the new IAF MD which will incorporate MD 01 and MD 19.

- 8) IAF agreed regarding the fact that an AB may legitimately autonomously verify the information received from a CAB, for example by contacting the CAB's auditors or organization audited by the CAB, during or also after the audit. Such activity is not a violation of the obligations of confidentiality between the AB and the CAB.
- 9) An AB may conduct directly the audit at an organization (different from the one undertaken by the CAB) to which the CAB has sub-contracted activities. The findings will regard the operations of the CAB and not of the third party organization. In other words, ACCREDIA will be able to conduct an audit directly on (for example) an auditing company.
- 10) Considering the fact that an accredited certification MUST carry the accreditation logo – or a reference to accreditation – an accredited certificate MUST NOT show processes or sectors which are not accredited. Two certificates must be issued. It is therefore not possible to issue only one certificate, showing a part of the scope which is not accredited, not even by making a note or other indication to clarify that a part of the scope is not accredited.
- 11) The extension of the IAF MLA agreements to the standard ISO 50001 was approved.

Further indications concerning the application of some of these resolutions may be provided over the coming weeks.

Please contact us for any clarifications.

Kind regards,

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