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To the Conformity and Inspection Accredited Bodies

To all associations of conformity assessment bodies

**Re: Department of Certification and Inspection – Informative Circular N° 16/2018
Adopted resolutions in the Singapore IAF's General Assembly and of the IAF/ILAC
Joint General Assembly**

On October 31 2018 the work of IAF and ILAC assemblies finished.
Attached you will find their resolutions in which we have highlighted in yellow the most important information as regards Italy.

In particular, is important to highlight that the decision number 13 for the ISO/IEC 17065, which repeats the contents of the already adopted resolutions for the accreditation schemes according to ISO/IEC 17021-1 and ISO/IEC 17024. To sum up, is not allowed anymore that an accredited Body releases, in the same area in which it is accredited, certificates that are not accredited. The accredited certificates shall, at least display one of the Accreditation Body's logo. Any exceptions will have to be agreed with the reference accreditation Body.

IAF Resolution 2018-13 – (Agenda Item 9) Non-Accredited Product Certification where the CAB is accredited for the same scope - *The General Assembly acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee resolved that IAF Accreditation Body members shall have legally enforceable arrangements with their accredited CABs for product certification that prevents the CAB from issuing non-accredited product certification in scopes for which they are accredited. The enforceable arrangements shall require full implementation within three years from 31 October 2018.*

Additionally, CABs for product certification must transition certification documentation to include the accreditation symbol and/or must make reference to the accreditation status of the CAB including the identification of the AB, no later than 31 October 2021.

Note: If there is an exception to the above, the CAB must justify the exception to the AB, and if accepted by the AB, the certification is still considered accredited.

Best regards,

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