

*To all CABs with ISO 17021 accreditation
To all accredited and Notified Bodies which used ISO 17021-1 in the 1+ approach
To all recognised CABs and relative Accreditation Bodies
To associations of CABs*

**Object: ACCREDIA Dept. of Certification and Inspection – Technical Circular n.9/2019
Recommendations of the ACCREDIA Steering and Guarantee Committee
regarding conflicts of interests**

On December 3, 2019, the ACCREDIA Steering and Guarantee Committee unanimously approved the updated version of the document *Recommendations expressed by the ACCREDIA Steering and Guarantee Committee regarding the definition of consistent criteria for the verification of certain requirements of the standard ISO/IEC 17021-1/15 during the assessment and surveillance activities of accredited CABs.*

The ACCREDIA Steering and Guarantee Committee is the body tasked to express the contribution of ACCREDIA's members, as well as the proposals of other parties involved in accreditation activities, in the formulation of operative policies and in the good functioning of the Accreditation Body, in order to ensure the competence, transparency and impartiality of its activities as set out in the applicable standards.

This document can be used by ACCREDIA's assessors as an operative format during assessments and it may become a useful reference and guideline for CABs which have to analyse and manage their impartiality risks. For this reason it has been issued in Word version. It can be opened in PDF version in ACCREDIA's website.

This document comes into force on June 1, 2020.

Many examples are provided, related to the principles and requirements of the standard to help guide the behaviour of CABs and of ACCREDIA in cases of doubt. The document contains indications, sometimes by way of examples and not necessarily exhaustive, agreed by all the interested parties for use in the management of accreditation files.

The following are attached:

- the version MARKED, highlighting modifications made to the version of 2016
- the version CLEAN, without highlighting modifications made to the previous version
- a document giving the reasons for the updating of the document, duly distributed to the Steering and Guarantee Committee

Sincerely.

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