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## RESOLUTIONS OF THE 46<sup>th</sup> EA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**25 & 26 NOVEMBER 2020**

ENAC - Calle de Serrano, 240, 28016 Madrid

### **EA Resolution 2020 (46) 01**

The General Assembly, acting upon the recommendation from the Executive Committee, approves to amend the articles of association of EA in accordance with the draft prepared by the partnership organised under the laws of the Netherlands: Trajectum Notariaat, established in Utrecht, the Netherlands, characterised: 20160116/02/HVZ, which is on the table (document EAGA(20)11-1 draft deed of amendment of EA AoA 21April2020).

The General Assembly authorises, with the power of substitution, each member of the Executive Committee of EA, the Executive Secretary of EA and each of the candidate civil-law notaries and notarial assistants employed by Trajectum Notariaat to have the notarial deed of amendment of articles of association executed and to perform all other legal acts which the attorney deems necessary in respect of the foregoing.

### **EA Resolution 2020 (46) 02**

The General Assembly elects the following EA officers for a two-year mandate starting on 1 January 2021:

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| EA President:   | Maureen Logghe, BELAC  |
| EA Vice-President:  | Cecilie Laake, NA  |
| Members of the Executive Board:                                       | Leopoldo Cortez, IPAC<br>Adrienne Duff, INAB<br>Roeland Nieuweboer, RvA<br>Emanuele Riva, ACCREDIA |
| Members of the Technical Management Board (Committee/Council Chairs): |  |
| EA Multilateral Agreement Council Chair:                              | Maria Papatzikou, ESYD   |
| EA Horizontal Harmonization Committee Chair:                          | Gabriel Zrenner, DAKkS   |
| EA Laboratory Committee Chair:  | Laurent Vinson, COFRAC   |
| EA Certification Committee Chair:                                     | Kevin Belson, UKAS   |
| EA Inspection Committee Chair:  | Orbay Evrensevdi, TURKAK   |
| EA Communications & Publications Committee Chair:                     | Lucyna Olborska, PCA   |

### **EA Resolution 2020 (46) 03**

The General Assembly agrees with the recommendation from the Executive Committee, to close action 1.4.0 of the Strategy 2025 Implementation plan, based on document EAGA(20)11-9 *Summary survey Secretariat services 10August2020*.

### **EA Resolution 2020 (46) 04**

The General Assembly, acting upon the recommendation from the Executive Committee, approves the EA Work Programme for 2021 dated 22 September 2020 (Document EAGA(20)11-12).

**EA Resolution 2020 (46) 05**

The General Assembly, acting upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, endorses the mandatory application of the following documents, issued by the EU Agency for Railways (ERA):

- EAGA(20)11-20 Sectorial scheme for accreditation-ECM-1172-002 V3-1 and
- EAGA(20)11-21 ERA-1172-003 V1.1 -ECM Certification Scheme.

Between 16 June 2020 and 16 June 2021, under Article 6(3) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/779, certification bodies may comply with either the previous or the new accreditation scheme.

As of 16 June 2021, certification bodies shall be accredited in accordance with the new sectoral accreditation scheme in order to be able to perform the activity of certification also for the scope of other categories of vehicles.

**EA Resolution 2020 (46) 06**

The General Assembly ratifies the results of the electronic ballots completed since the General Assembly meeting held in November 2019 according to Document EAGA(20)11-07.

**EA Resolution 2020 (46) 07**

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Multilateral Agreement Council (MAC), agrees that the EA MAC starts a new work item to revise EA-2/02: *Procedure for the evaluation of a National Accreditation Body*, according to the rationale for revision set out in Document EAGA(20)11-19.

**EA Resolution 2020 (46) 08**

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Executive Committee, agrees that the Executive Committee starts a new work item to revise EA-1/21: *EA Internal Procedure for Liaison Activities*, according to the rationale for revision set out in Document EAGA(20)11-14.

**EA Resolution 2020 (46) 09**

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Executive Committee, agrees that, in case that the European regulator publishes a new legislation, which includes the accreditation of CABs, without defining the applicable harmonized standard for accreditation, the HHC shall define the standard for accreditation, in consultation with the Technical Committees (if needed).

EA National Accreditation Bodies should wait with the accreditation of CABs regarding the new European legislation until the HHC has defined the applicable harmonized standard.

**EA Resolution 2020 (46) 10**

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Executive Committee, endorses the revised forecast of the accounts 2020 (Document EAGA(20)11-24).

**EA Resolution 2020 (46) 11**

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Executive Committee, endorses the revised budget 2021 (Document EAGA(20)11-26).

**EA Resolution 2020 (46) 12**

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Executive Committee, endorses the revised membership fee schedule for 2021 (Document EAGA(20)11-33).

### **EA Resolution 2020 (46) 13**

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Executive Committee, agrees that the Certification Committee revises EA-3/12: *EA Policy for the Accreditation of Organic Production Certification* in order to align it with Regulation (EC) No. 2020/1693 amending, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Regulation (EC) No. 2018/848 on organic production as regards its date of application postponed to 1 January 2022. The clauses to be revised are:

- § 4.4 Assessment program (accreditation cycle of 4 years to be confirmed)
- § 4.7 The number of witnesses (number can be confirmed for high risk countries)
- § 4.8 Extending accreditation to specific areas of activity
- § 4.10 Suspension

Because of the mandatory nature of these changes and that EA-3/12 has been revised and published in July 2020, the revision shall be - in derogation from EA-1/14 *Procedure for Development and Approval of EA Documents and Adoption of ILAC/IAF Documents* - directly balloted, without any commenting period.

### **EA Resolution 2020 (46) 14**

The General Assembly, acting upon the recommendation from the Executive Committee, agrees that EA withdraws the following two resolutions:

#### **EA Resolution 2011 (27) 06**

*The General Assembly notes EA/GA(11)20 as stating EA's position on Evaluation of the impartiality and objectivity requirements of ISO/IEC17011 with particular focus on governmental national accreditation bodies.*

#### **EA Resolution 2011 (27) 07**

*The General Assembly supports that the Multilateral Agreement Council should include the contents of EA/GA(11)20 stating EA's position on Evaluation of the impartiality and objectivity requirements of ISO/IEC17011 with particular focus on governmental national accreditation bodies(EA Resolution 2011(27)06), into the training process for all EA peer evaluators to ensure common understanding and harmonisation of approach.*

### **EA Resolution 2020 (46) 15**

The General Assembly adopts the following ILAC decision dated 11 June 2020:

*Based on the ILAC AMC recommendation, the ILAC General Assembly decided that the end of the transition period adopted as part of the ILAC Resolution GA 20.15 (November 2016) be extended from 30 November 2020 to 1 June 2021 to ensure all laboratories are able to be transitioned under the restrictions imposed as a result of the global coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak.*

### **EA Resolution 2020 (46) 16**

The General Assembly adopts the following IAF resolution at the online IAF Annual General Assembly on 5 November 2020, as applicable to EA and its members:

#### **IAF Resolution 2020-18 – (Agenda Item 10.1) Transitional Arrangement for ISO/IEC**

**27006:2015 AMD 1:2020** - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that the Transitional Arrangement associated with *ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD 1:2020 - Information technology - Security techniques - Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of information security management systems – Amendment 1*, will be two years from the last day of the month of publication of the amended standard.

Within this transition timeline:

- ABs shall be ready to carry out transition assessments for ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD 1:2020, within eight months from the last day of the month of publication of the amended standard.

- CBs shall have completed the transition to ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD1:2020, through office assessment, within 24 months from the last day of the month of publication of the amended standard.

Note 1: ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD 1:2020, was published on the 27 March 2020.

Note 2: The transition is not a routine transition from one version of a standard to another. The transition only relates to the specific changes detailed in Amendment 1:2020.

#### **EA Resolution 2020 (46) 17**

The General Assembly adopts:

- IAF MD 8:2020 *Application of ISO/IEC 17011:2017 in the Field of Medical Device Quality Management Systems (ISO 13485)*;
- ILAC P10:07/2020 *ILAC Policy on Metrological Traceability of Measurement Results*;
- ILAC P14:09/2020 *ILAC Policy for Measurement Uncertainty in Calibration*;
- ILAC P15:05/2020 *Application of ISO/IEC 17020:2012 for the Accreditation of Inspection Bodies*;

as mandatory documents for all EA Members.

#### **EA Resolution 2020 (46) 18**

The General Assembly pays a glowing tribute to a few leaving members of the EA Executive Committee, i.e. Ignacio Pina (ENAC) who has been vice-chairing and chairing EA since, respectively, January 2018 and May 2018, Paulo Tavares who has been chairing the Multilateral Agreement Council since January 2016, and Ed Wieles (RvA) who has been an additional member of the Executive Committee since January 2018.

The General Assembly pays also glowing tribute to Jiří Růžička (CAI) and Martin Sencák (SNAS), which were for many years' additional members of the EA Executive Committee.

#### **EA Resolution 2020 (46) 19**

The General Assembly expresses its appreciation for the written reports presented by international and regional cooperation organisations to the 46<sup>th</sup> General Assembly on 25 November 2020.

#### **EA Resolution 2020 (46) 20**

The General Assembly expresses its appreciation for the written reports presented by stakeholder organisations to the 46<sup>th</sup> General Assembly on 25 November 2020.

#### **EA Resolution 2020 (46) 21**

The General Assembly agrees upon the following dates and venues for future meetings:

- 20-21 May 2021, remotely
- 24-25 November 2021, Slovakia
- May 2022, Turkey

End of resolutions of the 46<sup>th</sup> EA General Assembly.