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To all accredited and applicant Certification Bodies for the PRD scheme  
To Associations of conformity assessment bodies

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**SUBJECT                      Certification and Inspection Department**  
**Information Circular N° 40/2021 - Dispositions regarding the transition of the accreditations of Certification Bodies (CBs) providing certification according to the certification scheme IFS Logistic and Broker**

Dear Sirs,

we remind you that on 30th June 2021, was published:

- Subversion 2.3 of the standard IFS Logistic, which replaced the previous subversion 2.2;
- Subversion 3.1 of the standard IFS Broker, which replaced the previous subversion 3.

From 1st October 2021, both versions become mandatory and, from this date, the audit activities must be carried out only with reference to the new version of the standards.

IFS has also published the related IFS Doctrine applicable to each standard. As a normative document, the IFS Doctrine is an integral part of the relevant standard version and comes in force on 1st October 2021 as well.

**New applications for accreditation and new applications for the extension of accreditations already granted**

Starting from the date of publication of this circular, ACCREDIA will accept new applications for accreditation and new applications for extension of accreditation already granted only against the version 2.3 of the standard IFS Logistic and version 3.1 of the standard IFS Broker.

### **CBs already holding accreditation – management of the transition**

CBs already accredited against IFS Broker and/or IFS Logistic standards shall evaluate the modifications contained in the new versions, implement them as part of their internal management and sent to ACCREDIA a 'Transition plan', before the new versions come in force, with at least the following evidences:

- Gap analysis regarding implementation of the new versions of the schemes in their management system;
- List of documents and forms to be updated following the changes identified;
- Training program of auditors and all personnel involved in the certification process;
- Communication to the certified companies regarding the new aspects of the standards and of the policy defined for management of the transition.

The evaluation of the modifications introduced and the correct implementation of the contents in the 'Transition plan' shall be evaluated during the ordinary surveillance activities conducted by ACCREDIA.

Since the changes introduced with the new versions are minor, it will not be necessary for ACCREDIA to update the accreditation certificates.

We are available for any clarifications.

Kind regards,

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