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To all accredited and applicant Certification Bodies, PRD scheme

To all accredited and applicant Certification Bodies, PRS scheme

To all accredited and applicant Inspection Bodies, INSP scheme

To the associations of conformity assessment bodies

To all assessors and experts of the Dept. of Certification and Inspection

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SUBJECT **Certification and Inspection Department**

Technical circular DC N°48/2021 - Recommendations made by the ACCREDIA Steering and Guarantee Committee regarding conflicts of interests

On November 23, 2021, the ACCREDIA Steering and Guarantee Committee unanimously approved the issuance of the following documents:

- Recommendations made by the ACCREDIA Steering and Guarantee Committee in relation to the definition of homogeneous criteria for the verification of some requirements of the standard UNI CEI EN ISO/IEC 17020:2012, during the assessment and surveillance of the accredited Inspection Bodies;
- Recommendations made by the ACCREDIA Steering and Guarantee Committee in relation to the definition of homogeneous criteria for the verification of some requirements of the standard UNI CEI EN ISO/IEC 17024:2012, during the assessment and surveillance of the accredited Certification Bodies of persons;
- Recommendations made by the ACCREDIA Steering and Guarantee Committee in relation to the definition of homogeneous criteria for the verification of some requirements of the standard UNI CEI EN ISO/IEC 17065:2012, during the assessment and surveillance of accredited Product/Service Certification Bodies.

The Steering and Guarantee Committee is responsible for expressing the contribution of ACCREDIA members, as well as the proposals of other parties interested in accreditation activities, the formulation of operative guidelines and the proper functioning of the Accreditation Body, in order to ensure the competence, transparency and impartiality of its work, as required by the applicable standards.

The above documents may be used by ACCREDIA assessors during the assessments. They could also be a useful reminder and guide for Bodies that have to analyze and manage their own risks with regard to impartiality.

The documents come into force on June 1, 2022.

It will be noted that in many points examples are given, related to the principles and requirements of the standard, which could guide the behavior of the Bodies and ACCREDIA in doubtful cases.

The documents contain the indications, sometimes examples and not necessarily exhaustive, shared by all the interested parties which will then be used in the management of accreditation files.

The documents will be presented and discussed during a webinar to be held on January 19, 2022.

The instructions for registration and the link for the connection will soon be available on the ACCREDIA website.

With kind regards,

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