

To all accredited and applicant CABs
To the associations of Conformity Assessment Bodies
To the assessors/experts of Accredia

SUBJECT **Informative circular ACCREDIA N° 3/2022 – Crisis in Ukraine**

Dear Sirs,

We inform you that, following the continuing crisis in Ukraine, the European Commission, EA and IAF have issued some provisions:

- 1) The European Commission sent a communication on the subject to EA¹ and to notified CABs².
- 2) EA issued a resolution on May 19 making the European Commission's communication applicable also to EA members not resident in Europe³
- 3) IAF has published a decision adopted by the Board on 10/05/2022, which can be found on the IAF website⁴ IAF also activated an FAQ mechanism, as had been done for the COVID emergency, to manage the related requests for clarification. Soon there will be further clarifications on the IAF website.

These communications are available at the links indicated in the footnotes.

In the light of these provisions, ACCREDIA will not issue accreditations to any Conformity Assessment Body, if subjected to national, European or US sanctions, including organizations controlled by them.

In the case of CABs which are already accredited, ACCREDIA, in the presence of violations ascertained by means of verification activities, will begin the process of suspension of accreditation, according to the applicable Regulations.

¹ <https://european-accreditation.org/recommendation-from-the-european-commission-to-ea-in-the-context-of-the-situation-in-ukraine/>

² https://www.team-nb.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/COM-NB_ZB_qc_Ukraine-recommandations_1909181.pdf

³ <https://european-accreditation.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/EAGA2205-40-EA-GA51-Resolutions-19May2022.pdf>

⁴ <https://iaf.nu/en/news/additional-statement-regarding-sanctions-relating-to-the-situation-in-ukraine/>

It must also be remembered that every accredited conformity assessment body is also required to comply with the applicable international and national sanctions.

The applicable sanctions can be found on these websites:

<https://www.sanctionsmap.eu/#/main>

<https://www.trade.gov/data-visualization/csl-search>

Best regards.

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