

To all accredited/applicant Certification/Inspection/Validation and Verification Bodies

To all ACCREDIA DCI Assessors

To the Presidents, Members and Technical Experts of the Sector Accreditation Committees of the Department of Certification and Inspection (CSA CI, CSA AR, CSA AG, CSA CPR)

**SUBJECT** **Certification and Inspection Department**

**Information Circular DC N°01/2023 - Communication for the Issue of the Unique Accreditation Certificate and related times for updating the documentation by the CABs**

We are pleased to inform you that, following a long and in-depth preparation and implementation process conducted within the ACCREDIA Certification and Inspection Department, the Unique Certificate for accreditation standards was issued on 5 January 2023.

From now on, the accreditation certificates issued by the Department will have the following coding:

**Table 1:**

<b>Standard of the Unique Certificate</b>	<b>New reference of the certificate</b>	<b>Number of the certificate (with 4 figures instead of the previous 3)</b>	<b>Example</b>
ISO/IEC 17021-1	MS	Number of the previous certificate referring to the QMS scheme	0002MS
ISO/IEC 17065	PRD	Number of the previous certificate referring to the PRD scheme	0002PRD
ISO/IEC 17020	ISP	Number of the previous certificate referring to the I(N)SP scheme	0069ISP

ISO/IEC 17024	PRS	Number of the previous certificate referring to the PRS scheme	0066PRS
ISO 14065 <b>(limited to the 2013 edition)</b>	GHG	Number of the previous certificate referring to the GHG <sup>1</sup> scheme	0002GHG
ISO/IEC 17029	V&V	Number of the previous certificate referring to the V&V scheme	0001VV

For greater clarity, we specify that the previous certificates have been unified as follows:

**Management systems – Table 2**

QMS and relative sub-schemes (e.g. RTSMS, ISO 13485 etc.)	ISO/IEC 17021-1 with MS code
EMS	
EnMS	
OH&S	
ISMS	
ITSM	
FSM	
EMAS	

**Product – Table 3**

PRD	ISO/IEC 17065 with PRD code
EPD	

We specify that the current merging of the EPD scheme with the PRD scheme is temporary, pending the completion of the transition processes to ISO/IEC 17029:2019 (**deadline 1 December 2023** - for further details, see to the contents of the DC Information Circular n. 44/2022 of 22.11.2022).

<sup>1</sup> Until completion of the transition to ISO/IEC 17029:2019 (level 3) and ISO 14065:2020 (level 4) following which, the accreditation certificate in this area will be withdrawn.

From an operational point of view, following the issuance of this Unique Certificate for accreditation standards, we inform you that:

1. all accreditation certificates have been reissued in the new format, with revision date 01-01-2023;
2. the certificate number has been modified according to the details in Table 1 above;
3. the current coding of the certificates corresponds to what is indicated in the corrigendum of rev. 11 of the Regulation for the use of the ACCREDIA mark which came into force on 01.01.2023;
4. the accredited sites are listed in a dedicated attachment (named the SEATS attachment);
5. there are 4 other attachments which group the accreditation scopes according to the competent Sector Committee operating in the Department;
6. the expiry date is present only on the attachments containing the scopes of accreditation as the certificate and the location attachment do not expire but will be reissued only in cases of changes (e.g. change in the name of the accredited legal entity, extension to new locations, site reductions, changes of address, etc.);
7. the database on the ACCREDIA website has been modified in the part of the search mask and the detail mask to display the information based on the new certificates;
8. a section has been created on the database search page that enables consultation of the history of accreditations including those with withdrawn or expired accreditation.

**Note:** the certificates involved in the December 2022 CSA decisions are currently still being issued, and will be published in the near future.

With reference to point 5 above, we specify that the reason for which the scopes have been sub-divided by individual Committees that deal with decision-taking for the various operational accreditation areas in the Department, was to make the decision-taking process more efficient in cases of accreditation renewals where the scopes of accreditation issued relate to several areas and therefore regard different CSAs. In this way each individual Committee will be able to proceed with the renewal (or reduction) exclusively for the areas of its competence.

### **Adaptation times for CABs**

We remind you that a general revision of the accreditation mark is planned for the second half of 2023, which could once again have an impact on the coding of your accreditation certificate.

For this reason, it is not mandatory to enter this new coding in your management system now.

You can therefore continue to use the coding reported in the accreditation certificate which was in force in 2022, or use the new coding which will remain in force only in the first part of 2023.

You will receive further information on the new ACCREDIA mark (and on the new coding) in the coming months.

With kind regards,

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