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To all accredited/applicant CBs for the PRD scheme
To the associations of conformity assessment bodies

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SUBJECT **Certification and Inspection Department**

Informative circular DC N° 14/2023 – Provisions regarding the transition of accreditation of Certification Bodies certifying in accordance with the GlobalGAP CFM and GlobalGAP IFA certification schemes.

This Circular provides information regarding the transition process of the GlobalGAP Compound Feed Manufacturing and GlobalGAP IFA standards.

GlobalGAP Compound Feed Manufacturing

In December 2021, version 3.0 of the GlobalGAP Compound Feed Manufacturing standard was published. This version was submitted to ACCREDIA for evaluation according to the document EA 1/22. The results of this evaluation led to a revision of the standard by the Scheme Owner who published version 3.1 of the standard in December 2022.

This latest version was approved by EA in February 2023.

Version 3.1 is already applicable and from 1 January 2024 it will be mandatory and will definitively replace version 2.2 of the standard.

Certification activities

In accordance with the requirements of the holder of the Standard, it will be possible to certify for version 2.2 and for version 3.1 until 1 January 2024. After this date, only version 3.1 will be applicable.

New accreditation and extension applications for the certification scheme

From the date of publication of this Circular, ACCREDIA will accept new applications for accreditation and extension only for version 3.1 of the Standard.

Bodies already accredited – management of the transition

All Bodies already accredited against the previous version will have to evaluate the modifications introduced with the new 3.1 version and implement them within their organization.

At the end of the activities described above, the Bodies must formalize to ACCREDIA, by 1 November 2023, the request for transition to the new version of the scheme by sending, as a minimum, the information required by annex 1 of this circular.

ACCREDIA will carry out a document review of the evidence sent, with payment by the Body, for a duration of 0.5 man-days. The outcome of the document review will be communicated to the Body for the implementation of any need for addition/modification/correction of the evidence transmitted.

ACCREDIA reserves the right to carry out any further evaluations if considered necessary.

The Body will be authorized to issue certificates against version 3.1 of the Standard with reference to accreditation only following a positive decision regarding the transition by the competent Sectoral Accreditation Committee.

The correct implementation of the changes introduced will be assessed during the normal surveillance activities performed by ACCREDIA.

From 1 January 2024 all accreditations issued against the version 2.2, in the absence of evidence of implementation, will be withdrawn.

GlobalGAP IFA v.6 (Smart and GFS)

In September 2022 GlobalGAP issued version 6 of the IFA standard.

This version foresees a SMART version and a GFS version recognized by GFSI.

We inform you that currently version 6 of the standard is not yet accreditable as it is undergoing approval at the IAF level. This process is expected to be completed by June.

The CBs which already want to operate against the new version will only be able to do so without accreditation.

Further updates will follow.

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With kind regards

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