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To all certification bodies accredited to MS and PRD schemes

To the associations of conformity assessment bodies

To the ACCREDIA-DC assessors and experts

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SUBJECT **Certification and Inspection Department**
Informative circular DC N. 24/2023 - Start-up of non-programmed surveillance activities for ICT accreditation schemes (MS and PRD).

In recent times, significant and widespread criticalities have been recorded in the certification of Information Security Management Systems as well as in the product schemes regulated by EU Reg. 910/2014 (eIDAS and SPID), failures that have led in some cases to the imposition of heavy administrative sanctions by the body in charge of surveillance of the AgID market, and in many others, resulting in additional investigation activities.

In the light of this, the Sector Accreditation Committee (CSA-CI) during the meeting of 24 March provided for the start of a campaign of non-programmed assessments of accreditation in the MS (ISMS) and PRD (eIDAS and SPID) schemes with the performance of extraordinary on-site assessments and market surveillance visits which – as is known – are implemented through the ACCREDIA Regulations together with the document IAF ID 4:2020.

The activities will be conducted for all accredited bodies in order to guarantee a fair and uniform approach.

The results of these activities will be presented to the relevant Sector Committee for appropriate evaluation.

Note that the market surveillance visit is carried out at the certified organization, and it is conducted directly by personnel appointed by ACCREDIA, and not by the Body, by reviewing the CAB's records.

The assessment takes place with the help of a questionnaire (attached to the document IAF ID 4:2020), and in the presence of the personnel of the organization (usually only the Quality Manager) and of the Body (if possible, with the participation of a member of the audit team who conducted the most recent audit).

This assessment activity does not coincide with surveillance or renewal activities conducted by the Body as it does not constitute an audit.

What is provided for is conducted in compliance with:

- ISO 17011:2017, § 7.9.5;
- RG-01 rev. 05, § 1.5.1.3;
- IAF MD 17:2019.

Please contact us for any clarifications.

With kind regards,

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