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To all accredited and recognized Certification Bodies for MS Scheme

To all assessors/experts of ACCREDIA DC

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SUBJECT **Certification and Inspection Department**

Informative circular DC N° 27/2023 - Collaboration between the worldwide database of accredited certifications www.IAFCERTSEARCH.org and ANAC - Withdrawal of ACCREDIA RT-05 and related recognitions for the IAF 28 sector ISO 9001 standard.

Dear Sirs,

this circular follows our information circular DC2019SSV097 of 03-13-2019, which gave notice of the launch of the world database of accredited certifications on the website www.IAFCERTSEARCH.org.

Last year IAF members approved new Principles upon which the IAF Database (*Principles to be achieved with an IAF Database of Accredited MS Certifications*¹) will be developed.

The key change in the agreed Principles is that it is now mandatory, for all certification bodies accredited ISO/IEC 17021-1 by an accreditation body signatory of the IAF MLA agreements, to periodically provide IAF with the data of all the certifications issued under accreditation in the Management Systems.

IAF will publish a mandatory document (MD) in the coming months which will provide operational details on the implementation of these principles.

All the certificates, already published on the ACCREDIA website, issued to companies by certification bodies accredited ISO/IEC 17021-1 by ACCREDIA will also be published in this database. See what has already been reported in the ACCREDIA General Regulation RG-01, rev. 05, § 1.10.7.

We can once again confirm the following to the certification bodies accredited by ACCREDIA:

1. the entire data transmission process to the IAF will be managed by ACCREDIA. Your Certification Body is already providing ACCREDIA with your certification data. ACCREDIA

¹https://iaf.nu/iaf_system/uploads/documents/Principles_to_be_achieved_with_an_IAF_Database_of_Accredited_MS_Certifications_September2022.pdf

will continue to transmit the certification data (the data already available to the public on the ACCREDIA register) to the IAF register. In short, nothing changes for the bodies accredited by ACCREDIA. It is therefore important to avoid double uploading: the Bodies accredited by ACCREDIA transmit the same data directly to the IAF again

2. ACCREDIA will not communicate to IAF / IAF Database LLC the personal data of your customers (names, emails, telephones), as these are not in ACCREDIA's possession. The only data communicated to IAF will be those already published and visible to all on the ACCREDIA website (concerning certification and accreditation). We will also communicate to IAF the references of the Accredited certification bodies, for a possible contact (data also already published on our site). We also inform you of the fact that ANAC will verify the certificates issued by accredited certification bodies for management systems by accessing the IAF database in real time, presumably from September 2023. From that moment, the certificates not present in the IAF database cannot be verified for the purpose of issuing the SOA certificate and participating in the procedures for awarding public contracts for works, services and supplies banned in Italy².

From September 2023 the RT-05 will therefore be withdrawn, and the relative acknowledgments granted today for the sector EA 28 scheme ISO 9001 will be revoked.

The **recognized Certification Bodies** will therefore have to transmit the data of the certifications issued in Italy to IAF, directly or through their own accreditation body (in cases where the accreditation body, such as ACCREDIA, already has a database of certified companies). Recognized organizations that need support for uploading certificates can contact info@iafcertsearch.org³. Recognized organizations are recommended to take timely action to avoid disservices or disputes during the tender for their certified customers.

Accredited Bodies:

- will be able to issue new offers immediately without taking into consideration the RT-05. For contracts that have already been stipulated, the individual Bodies remain entitled to evaluate case by case whether to update them or whether to maintain their validity;
- will have to reissue the certificates, without reference to the RT05, or at the first modification of the certificate or at the first renewal.

The occasion is welcome to extend cordial greetings.

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² <https://www.anticorruzione.it/-/verifica-certificazioni-di-qualita-rilasciate-da-organismi-accreditati-indicazioni-per-partecipare-alle-gare-e-conseguire-la-qualificazione> See also article 4, paragraph 5, of annex ANNEX II.12 of LEGISLATIVE DECREE 36/2023 (new procurement code) *The regularity of the quality certificates must be verified by the SOA through the computer link with the official lists kept by the bodies participating in the European cooperation for Accreditation (EA) or the International Accreditation Forum (IAF).*

³ <https://iaf.nu/en/news/anac-to-use-iaf-certsearch-for-verifying-certificates/>