ACCREDITATION RULE 42

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SUBJECT: IAF Requirement for Accredited Certification Bodies to Issue Accredited Management Systems Certifications

APPLIES TO: ANAB-Accredited and Applicant Certification Bodies

PREFACE

This accreditation Rule specifies the ANAB process for implementation of International Accreditation Forum (IAF) Resolution 2015-14.

IAF at its General Assembly in Milan in November 2015, adopted the following resolution: “IAF Resolution 2015-14 - Non-Accredited Certification Where the MS CB is Accredited for the Same Scope - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that IAF Accreditation Body members shall have legally enforceable arrangements with their accredited CABs that prevents the CAB from issuing non-accredited management systems certificates in scopes for which they are accredited. The General Assembly further agreed that the transition period will be one year from the date of endorsement.”

ACCREDITATION RULE

1. A certification is considered accredited only if the certification document includes an accreditation symbol or is otherwise identified in writing as being accredited. The ANAB accreditation symbol shall be included on ANAB-accredited certification documents.

2. Consistent with IAF Resolution 2015-14, effective 2016/11/05, each ANAB-accredited CB shall issue only accredited management systems certifications within the CB’s scope of accreditation.
   a. This applies only to certifications within the ANAB scope of accreditation of the CB. The CB can issue unaccredited certifications for certifications not within the CB’s scope of accreditation by ANAB or any other IAF member accreditation body.
   b. If an ANAB-accredited CB is also accredited by other IAF member accreditation bodies, the CB is not required to issue ANAB-accredited certifications; accredited certifications can be issued certifications under the accreditation of another IAF member accreditation body.

3. The initial transition process for unaccredited certifications issued prior to the effective date is:
   a. All unaccredited certifications within the ANAB scope of accreditation existing prior to 2016/11/05 shall be issued as accredited at recertification or earlier if changes are made to the certification.
   b. All existing unaccredited certificates issued within the CB’s scope of accreditation shall be reissued as accredited by 2019/11/05.

4. If a CB gains a new accreditation (standard or scope) with ANAB, the CB shall provide a transition plan in accordance with MA 5000, ANAB Management Systems Accreditation Manual, section 7.3. The transition plan shall ensure that any existing certification (issued prior to accreditation by ANAB) is issued as accredited after the CB’s first satisfactory audit of the organization, following accreditation by ANAB.

5. If the CB issued any unaccredited certifications because of the geographic limitations specified in ANAB Accreditation Rule 12, the CB shall not issue these certifications as ANAB-accredited certifications. The CB can maintain the unaccredited certifications or, if the CB is accredited by
another IAF member accreditation body, manage the certifications in accordance with another IAF member accreditation body.