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Policy

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**SNAS POLICY AND PROCEDURE ON THE
ASSESSMENT OF CERTIFICATION BODIES
CERTIFYING ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
SYSTEMS ACCORDING TO STANDARD
ISO 14001: 2015**

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PURPOSE:

This document determines the SNAS policy and procedure on transition to the accreditation of certification bodies certifying environmental management systems according to ISO 14001: 2015.

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1 POLICY

SNAS assesses the competence of certification bodies certifying the environmental management systems (EMS) according to the requirements of the standard ISO/IEC 17021-1.

Revised version of standard ISO 14001: 2015 was published on September 2015.

SNAS in accordance with the resolution 2014 – 11 adopted on 28. IAF General Assembly (Resolution 2014 – 11 Agenda Item 8) on October 17, 2014, set the three-year transition period for implementation of the ISO 14001: 2015 which is ending on **September 15, 2018**. To this date, all accredited CBs, which meet the requirements of ISO/IEC 17021-1: 2015 have to demonstrate competence to perform certification EMS according to standard ISO 14001: 2015. These requirements will be verified by SNAS during the planned or extraordinary assessment and in the case of their fulfilment, SNAS decides to issue the accreditation for certification according to standard ISO 14001: 2015.

2 ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE AND TERMS

On the basis of the application for accreditation or reaccreditation, SNAS will assess, the compliance with the requirements of ISO/IEC 17021-1: 2015 for performing of certification according to standard ISO 14001: 2015 from **November 2, 2015**.

CBs accredited for certification of EMS according to standard ISO 14001: 2004 shall notify SNAS in written form **until April 30, 2016** at the latest, whether they have implemented in their management system the requirements for certification according to ISO 14001: 2015 or notify the date when they will implement these requirements; however, **no later than on September 15, 2017**. During planned assessment (surveillance) SNAS will verify the fulfilment of requirements for certification according to ISO 14001: 2015. CBs can also apply for extraordinary assessment. All assessments for verification of implementation of the requirements for certification according to ISO 14001: 2015 will be carried out until **May 11, 2018**, at the latest.

The CBs accredited for certification of EMS must demonstrate the readiness for the certification according to the standard ISO 14001: 2015 within **July 13, 2018** and SNAS will decide to issue the accreditation for EMS certification **no later than September 14, 2018**.

The findings from the assessments will be classified in accordance with the system published by SNAS and they must be resolved within a period according to the Act. No. 505/2009 Coll. on the accreditation of the conformity assessment bodies (including amendments to certain acts), as amended, but not later than two months after they were identified and recorded.

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Notes: Certificates of accreditation issued during the transitional period will include two versions of the standard, i.e. ISO 14001: 2015 and ISO 14001: 2004. Certificates of accreditation issued for EMS certification according to ISO 14001: 2004 will be canceled on September 14, 2018.

Certificates issued during the transitional period in accordance with ISO 14001: 2004 must be of limited validity only until the end of the transitional period, i.e. to September 15, 2018.

In accordance with IAF Resolution 2017-13 – (Agenda Item 9) adopted on 31. IAF General Assembly on October 30, 2017:

- *at the end of the transition period, 15 September 2018, all ISO 14001: 2004 certifications shall expire or be withdrawn;*
- *as of 15 March 2018, CABs shall conduct all ISO 14001 initial, surveillance and recertification audits to the new versions (ISO 14001: 2015). The outcomes of such audits shall be considered by the CAB for further decision on accredited certifications to ISO 14001: 2004 as deemed appropriate.*

3 RELATED DOCUMENTS

ISO/IEC 17011 Conformity assessment. General requirements on the accreditation bodies accrediting the conformity assessment bodies

ISO/IEC 17021-1 Conformity assessment. Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems

Act. No. 505/2009 Coll. on the accreditation of conformity assessment bodies (including amendments to certain acts), as amended

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