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**SNAS POLICY AND PROCEDURE ON THE
ASSESSMENT OF CERTIFICATION BODIES
CERTIFYING ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT
SYSTEMS ACCORDING TO STANDARDS
ISO/IEC 17021-1: 2015 AND ISO/IEC 17021-2: 2016**

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**PURPOSE:**

This document determines the SNAS policy and procedure on transition to the accreditation of certification bodies certifying environment management systems according to ISO/IEC 17021-1: 2015 and ISO/IEC 17021-2: 2016.

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1 POLICY

SNAS assesses the competence of certification bodies certifying the environment management systems (EMS) according to the requirements of the standard ISO/IEC 17021-1 and ISO/IEC 17021-2.

Revised version of standard ISO/IEC 17021-2: 2016 was published on December 2016.

SNAS, in accordance with the resolution 2016 – 14 adopted on 30. IAF General Assembly (Resolution 2016 – 14 Agenda Item 9) on November 04, 2016, set the two years transition period for implementation of the ISO/IEC 17021-2: 2016 which is ending on **December 01, 2018**.

By this date, all accredited CBs certifying the EMS have to meet the requirements of ISO/IEC 17021-1: 2015 and ISO/IEC 17021-2: 2016, which will be verified by SNAS either during the planned or unplanned assessments and in case when the requirements are met, decides to retain the accreditation status for certification of EMS in force.

2 ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE AND TERMS

On the basis of the application for accreditation or reaccreditation SNAS will from **June 01, 2017** assess the compliance with the requirements of ISO/IEC 17021-1: 2015 and ISO/IEC 17021-2: 2016.

CBs accredited for certification of EMS fulfilling requirements of standard ISO/IEC 17021-1: 2015 and ISO/IEC 17021-2: 2012 shall notify SNAS in written form **until June 01, 2017** at the latest, whether they have implemented in their management system the requirements ISO/IEC 17021-2: 2016 or notify the date when they will implement these requirements; however, **no later than on December 01, 2017**. During planned assessment (surveillance) SNAS will verify the fulfilment of requirements of ISO/IEC 17021-2: 2016. CBs can also apply for an extraordinary assessment. All assessments for verification of implementation of the requirements of ISO/IEC 17021-2: 2016 shall be carried out **until July 27, 2018**, at the latest.

The CBs accredited for certification of EMS must demonstrate fulfilling of all requirements ISO/IEC 17021-2: 2016, related to their activities, within **September 28, 2018** and SNAS will decide to retain the accreditation for ISMS certification **no later than November 30, 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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3 RELATED DOCUMENTS

ISO/IEC 17011: 2004 Conformity assessment. General requirements on the accreditation bodies accrediting the conformity assessment bodies

ISO/IEC 17021-1: 2015 Conformity assessment. Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems. Part 1: Requirements

ISO/IEC 17021-2: 2016 Conformity assessment. Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems. Part 2: Competence requirements for auditing and certification of environmental management systems

ISO/IEC 27006: 2015 Information technology. Security techniques. Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of information security 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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