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**Policy**

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**THE POLICY AND PROCEDURE OF SNAS FOR  
THE ASSESSMENT OF LABORATORIES  
ACCORDING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE  
STANDARD ISO/IEC 17025: 2017**

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**PURPOSE:**

**This document determines the policy and procedure of SNAS in the transition to the accreditation of laboratories according to the requirements of the reviewed standard ISO 17025 published in November 2017.**

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## 1 POLICY

SNAS assesses the capability of laboratories according to the standard ISO/IEC 17025, provided they ask for.

A reviewed version was published in November 2017 of the standard ISO/IEC 17025, that, compared to the previous revision form 2005 brought a more comprehensive revision.

In accordance with the resolution adopted at the General Assembly of ILAC: „Resolution GA 20.15“ from 04.11.2016 concerning the implementation of this new standard and assessment of the fulfilment of its requirements in the accredited laboratories SNAS provided a three year transitory period for the implementation of this reviewed standard since it was issued. This way the termination of the transitory period is set to **30.11.2020**. Until this deadline all accredited laboratories shall meet the requirements of the standard ISO/IEC 17025: 2017. This will be checked up by SNAS whether during the planned or unplanned assessments and in the case they are met, it will award the accreditation with the reference to the fulfilment of the new version of this standard. In the case of the change by ILAC of the deadline for the transitory period, SNAS reserves the right to modify the deadlines set by this policy.

Based on a positive ballot by the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC), the transition period for ISO/IEC 17025: 2017 has been extended at the global level to 1 June 2021 due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

## 2 ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE AND DEADLINES

Laboratories accredited according to the standard ISO/IEC 17025: 2005 shall demonstrate the meeting of all requirements of the standard ISO/IEC 17025: 2017 by granting the laboratories the accreditation along with the decision and certificate of accreditation in which the reference will be made to the meeting of the requirements of the standard ISO/IEC 17025: 2017 (the accreditation validity period will remain unchanged) did not exceed the deadline of 1.6.2021.

A sufficiently long time period is given for the implementation of the requirements of the updated version of ISO/IEC 17025:2017. As the standard ISO/IEC 17025:2017 comprises the unchanged of re-formulated requisites of the version of standard published in 2005 too, the findings from the assessments will be classified according to the MSA 04. The nonconformities shall be resolved within the time specified by lead assessor.

## 3 RELATED DOCUMENTS

ISO/IEC 17025:2017 General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories.

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

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Approved resolutions of the 38th EA General assembly 23 & 24 November 2016, Borås, Sweden

Act No. 505/2009 Z. z. on the accreditation of conformity assessment bodies and on the amendment and supplementation of certain acts

MSA 04 Accreditation procedure

#### **4 ANNEXES**

Annex 1: Plan of the implementation of the Standard ISO/IEC 17025: 2017 in the practice of assessments carried out by SNAS in the laboratories.

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**ANNEX 1:**

**Plan of the implementation of the Standard ISO/IEC 17025: 2017 in the practice of assessments carried out by SNAS in the laboratories.**

Ord. No	Phase	Deadline
1	Analysis of the requirements of the Standard ISO/IEC 17025:2017	December 2017
2	Discussion within SNAS on the interpretation of the requirements of the standard ISO/IEC 17025: 2017	December 2017 - January 2018
3	Information in HAV about the implementation of the requirements of the standard ISO/IEC 17025: 2017	December 2017
4	EA training in relation to the requirements of the standard ISO/IEC 17025: 2017, informing of VP and P about the training outputs (in the case of necessity)	January 2018 (deadline set by EA)
5	Setting up of the working group for the implementation in the practice of SNAS of ISO/IEC 17025: 2017 SNAS. Training for the employees of SNAS	February 2018
6	Updating of SNAS documentation including the check list for the assessment of the meeting of the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025:2017	March - April 2018
7	Advanced training for VP and P of SNAS aimed at the interpretation of the requisites of ISO/IEC 17025:2017 and of the updated SNAS documentation	March – June 2018
8	Information in HAV about the provision of services according to the requisites of the standard ISO/IEC 17025:2017	May 2018
9	Informative seminar for the laboratories accredited by SNAS	March - June 2018

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10	Beginning of acceptance of applications for the accreditation according to the standard ISO/IEC 170025:2017	March 2018
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