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SNAS POLICY ON ISSUING CERTIFICATES BY CERTIFICATION BODIES FOR CERTIFICATION OF PERSONS IN NON-ACCREDITED REGIME

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PURPOSE: This document determines SNAS Policy on Issuing Certificates by Certification Bodies for Certification of Persons in Non-accredited Regime.

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1 INTRODUCTION

SNAS assesses the competence of Certification Bodies certifying Persons according to the requirements of ISO/IEC 17024: 2012 Standard.

On 30 October 2017 at the 31st IAF General Assembly in Vancouver IAF adopted a Resolution 2017-19 prohibiting issuance of non-accredited certificates by the certification bodies in the scopes for which they are accredited. Subsequently, this resolution was also adopted at the 40th EA General Assembly in Berlin on 23 November 2017 as EA 2017 (40) 23 Resolution. To introduce the IAF 2017-19 Resolution into practice, transitional period of three years has been set.

2 POLICY

SNAS, in accordance with the IAF 2017-19 Resolution, from the date of entry into force of this Policy orders Certification Bodies for certification of Persons prohibition of issuing non-accredited certificates in the scopes covered by SNAS accreditation. A non-accredited certificate means a certificate issued in a non-accredited regime, i.e. does not contain an accreditation mark and / or reference to accreditation. Scope covered by accreditation means the scope of accreditation stated in the annex to the accreditation certificate.

During the transition period, Certification Bodies for certification of Persons have to change (re-issue) certificates to include at the time of re-certification decision an accreditation mark and / or reference to accreditation in accordance with MSA-02, not later than 30 October 2020.

In the case of first accreditation according to ISO/IEC 17024: 2012 Standard after 30 October 2017, SNAS will require Certification Bodies for certification of Persons to change (re-issue) certificates issued in non-accredited regime, within one year from the date of the decision to grant accreditation.

If there are any exceptions to this policy that will be justified by the Certification Body for certification of Persons and subsequently accepted by SNAS, certification may be considered as accredited.

Certification Bodies for certification of Persons are required to notify SNAS in writing, by 31 July 2018, of the implementation of the stated regulation into their management system.

Violation of this Policy will be considered as failure to fulfil the obligations of accredited entities in accordance with Section 36, par. 2a) of the Act 53/2023 Coll. on accreditation of conformity assessment bodies.

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SNAS recommends that Certification Bodies no longer establish contracts with clients on certification, which would result in the issuance of non-accredited certificate in an accredited scope.

3 RELATED DOCUMENTS

Resolutions IAF Thirty-first Annual General Assembly, October 2017, Vancouver, Canada

Resolutions of the 40th EA General Assembly, November 2017, Berlin, Germany

Act 53/2023 Coll. on accreditation of conformity assessment bodies

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