# Accreditation policy

## 1. Purpose

This document describes the accreditation policy of General Directorate of Accreditation (DPA) including the

- accreditation criteria,
- accreditation of opinions and interpretations
- subcontracting assessment.

## 2. References

S SH EN ISO/IEC 17011:2017 “Requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies”, clause 7.1, 4.6.1 and 6.4.
EA 1/06 A+AB (rev 10): 2022- EA Multilateral Agreement. Criteria for signing. Policy and procedures for development.

## 3. Accreditation criteria

DPA offers accreditation of the following conformity assessment bodies:

- testing laboratories
- calibration laboratories
- medical laboratories
- inspection bodies
- certification bodies of management systems of
  a) quality
  b) food safety
  c) medical devices
  d) business continuity

e) occupational health and safety
f) information technology
g) environmental
h) energy
i) information security management systems (including information security for cloud services)
j) information security for privacy
k) anti-bribery
l) road traffic safety
m) event sustainability

- product certification bodies
- certification bodies of persons

The accreditation criteria used for assessment of conformity assessment bodies are:

| No | Type of CAB | Accreditation standard | EA/ILAC/IAF Document | DPA Document |
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| 1 | Testing laboratories | S SH ISO/IEC 17025:2017 | ILAC P 8:11/2023;<br>ILAC P 9:01/2024;<br>ILAC P 10:07/2020;<br>ILAC G 8:09/2019;<br>ILAC G17:01/2021;<br>ILAC G18:01/2024;<br>ILAC G 19:06/2022;<br>ILAC G 24:2022;<br>ILAC G 29:06/2020;<br>EA 2/13:2019;<br>EA 3/01:2024;<br>ILAC R 7:05/2015; | DA-PO-004<br>DA-PO-005<br>DA-PO-007<br>DA-PO-008<br>DA-PO-012<br>DA-PO-015<br>DA-PT-001<br>DA-PT-002<br>DA-PT-006<br>DA-PM-011<br>DA-IN-010<br>DA-IN-011 |

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| 2 | Calibration laboratories | S SH ISO/IEC 17025:2017 | EA-4/02:2022;<br>ILAC P14:09/2020;<br>ILAC P 10:07/2020;<br>ILAC P 8:11/2023;<br>ILAC P 9:01/2024;<br>EA 3/01:2024;<br>EA 2/13:2019;<br>ILAC R 7:05/2015;<br>ILAC G 24:2022;<br>ILAC G 21:09/2012;<br>EA 2/21 G:2022<br>EA 4/18:2021 | DA-PO-005<br>DA-PO-004<br>DA-PO-007<br>DA-PO-008<br>DA-PO-012<br>DA-PO-014<br>DA-PO-015<br>DA-PT-001<br>DA-PT-002<br>DA-PT-006<br>DA-PM-011<br>DA-IN-010<br>DA-IN-011<br>DA-IN-005 |
| 3 | Medical laboratories | S SH ISO 15189:2022 | EA 4/17:2022;<br>EA 4/20:2026;<br>ILAC G 26:11/2018;<br>ILAC P 8:11/2023;<br>ILAC P 10:07/2020;<br>ILAC P 9:01/2024;<br>EA 3/01:2024;<br>EA 2/13:2019; | DA-PO-005<br>DA-PO-004<br>DA-PO-007<br>DA-PO-008<br>DA-PO-015<br>DA-PO-012<br>DA-PT-001<br>DA-PT-002 |

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| 4 | Inspection bodies | S SH ISO /IEC17020:2012 | ILAC P 15:05/2020,<br>ILAC P 10:07/2020,<br>ILAC G19:06/2022,<br>ILAC G 27:07/2019,<br>ILAC G 28:07/2018,<br>EA 3/01:2024,<br>ILAC P 8:11/2023<br>ILAC P 9:01/2024<br>EA 2/13:2019,<br>ILAC R 7:05/2015<br>ILAC G 21:09/2012<br>EA 2/21 G:2022<br>EA 4/18:2021.<br>EA 3/01:2024 S1:2025 | DA-PO-005<br>DA-PO-004<br>DA-PO-007<br>DA-PO-008<br>DA-PO-015<br>DA-PO-012<br>DA-PT-001<br>DA-PT-002<br>DA-PT-006<br>DA-PO-018<br>DA-PM-011<br>DA-IN-010<br>DA-IN-011<br>DA-IN-005 |
| 5 | Certification bodies of quality management system | S SH ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 and S SH ISO/IEC TS 17021-3:2017<br>S SH ISO/TS 23406:2024<br><br>ISO/IEC TS 17021- | IAF MD 1:2023<br>IAF MD 2:2023<br>IAF MD 4:2024<br>IAF MD 5:2023<br>IAF MD 7:2023<br>IAF MD 11:2023<br>IAF MD 12:2023<br>IAF MD 15:2023, | DA-PO-005<br>DA-PO-004<br>DA-PO-015<br>DA-PO-012<br>DA-PT-001<br>DA-PT-002<br>DA-PT-006<br>DA-PM-011 |

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| 6 | Certification bodies of food safety management system | S SH ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015, and<br>S SH ISO 22003-1:2022 | IAF MD 1:2023<br>IAF MD 2:2023<br>IAF MD 4:2023<br>IAF MD 7:2023<br>IAF MD 11:2023<br>IAF MD 12:2023<br>IAF MD 15:2023,<br>IAF MD 16:2024<br>IAF MD 23:2023<br>IAF MD 28:2023<br>EA 2/13:2019<br>EA 3/01:2024<br>IAF ML 2:2023<br>IAF PL 9:2023<br>EA 2/21 G :2022<br>EA 3/01:2024 S1:2025 | DA-PT-001<br>DA-PT-002<br>DA-PT-006<br>DA-PM-011<br>DA-PO-005<br>DA-PO-004<br>DA-PO-012<br>DA-PO-015<br>DA-IN-009<br>DA-IN-010<br>DA-IN-005 |
| 7 | Certification bodies of quality management system for medical devices | S SH ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 | IAF MD 1:2023<br>IAF MD 2:2023<br>IAF MD 4:2023 | DA-PO-005<br>DA-PO-004<br>DA-PO-015 |

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| 8 | Certification bodies of business continuity management systems | S SH ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 and ISO/IEC TS 17021-6:2014 | IAF MD 1:2023<br>IAF MD 2:2023<br>IAF MD 4:2023<br>IAF MD 7:2023<br>IAF MD 11:2023<br>IAF MD 12:2023<br>IAF MD 15:2023<br>IAF MD 23:2023<br>IAF MD 28:2023<br>EA 3/01:2024<br>EA 2/13:2019<br>IAF ML 2:2023<br>IAF PL 9:2023<br>EA 2/21 G :2022 | DA-PO-005<br>DA-PO-004<br>DA-PO-015<br>DA-PO-012<br>DA-PT-001<br>DA-PT-002<br>DA-PT-006<br>DA-PM-011<br>DA-IN-006<br>DA-IN-009<br>DA-IN-010<br>DA-IN-005 |

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| 9 | Certification bodies of occupational health and safety management systems | ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 and ISO/IEC TS 17021-10:2018 | IAF MD 1:2023<br>IAF MD 2:2023<br>IAF MD 4:2023<br>IAF MD 5:2023<br>IAF MD 7:2023<br>IAF MD 11:2023<br>IAF MD 12:2023<br>IAF MD 15:2023<br>IAF MD 17:2023<br>IAF MD 23:2023<br>IAF MD 22:2023<br>IAF MD 28:2023<br>EA 3/01:2024<br>EA 2/13:2019<br>IAF ML 2:2023<br>IAF PL 9:2023<br>EA 2/21 G :2022<br>EA 3/01:2024 S1:2025 | DA-PO-005<br>DA-PO-004<br>DA-PO-015<br>DA-PO-012<br>DA-PT-001<br>DA-PT-002<br>DA-PT-006<br>DA-PM-011<br>DA-IN-009<br>DA-IN-010<br>DA-IN-005 |
| 10 | Certification bodies for information technology management systems | S SH ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015<br>and ISO/IEC 20000-6:2017 | IAF MD 1:2023<br>IAF MD 2:2023<br>IAF MD 4:2023<br>IAF MD 7:2023<br>IAF MD 11:2023<br>IAF MD 12:2023<br>IAF MD 15:2023<br>IAF MD 23:2023<br>IAF MD 28:2023 | DA-PO-005<br>DA-PO-004<br>DA-PO-015<br>DA-PO-012<br>DA-PT-001<br>DA-PT-002<br>DA-PT-006<br>DA-PM-011<br>DA-IN-009 |

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| 11 | Certification bodies for environmental management systems | S SH ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015, and ISO/IEC 17021-2:2016 | IAF MD 1:2023<br>IAF MD 2:2023<br>IAF MD 4:2023<br>IAF MD 5:2023<br>IAF MD 6:2023<br>IAF MD 7:2023<br>IAF MD 11:2023<br>IAF MD 12:2023<br>IAF MD 15:2023<br>IAF MD 17:2023<br>IAF MD 23:2023<br>IAF MD 28:2023<br>EA 3/01:2024<br>EA 2/13:2019<br>IAF ML 2:2023<br>IAF PL 9:2023<br>EA 2/21 G :2022<br>EA 3/01:2024 S1:2025 | DA-PO-005<br>DA-PO-004<br>DA-PO-015<br>DA-PO-012<br>DA-PT-001<br>DA-PT-002<br>DA-PT-006<br>DA-PM-011<br>DA-IN-009<br>DA-IN-010<br>DA-IN-005 |
| 12 | Certification bodies for energy management systems | S SH ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 dhe S S H ISO 50003:2021 | IAF MD 1:2023<br>IAF MD 2:2023<br>IAF MD 4:2023<br>IAF MD 7:2023 | DA-PO-005<br>DA-PO-004<br>DA-PO-015<br>DA-PO-012 |

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| 13 | Certification bodies of information security systems (including the information security in cloud services) | S SH ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 dhe S SH ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024<br><br>ISO/IEC TS 27006-2:2021, | IAF MD 1:2023<br>IAF MD 2:2023<br>IAF MD 4:2023<br>IAF MD 7:2023<br>IAF MD 11:2023<br>IAF MD 12:2023<br>IAF MD 13:2023<br>IAF MD 15:2023<br>IAF MD 23:2023<br>IAF MD 26:2023<br>EA 3/01:2024<br>EA 2/13:2019<br>IAF ML 2:2023<br>IAF PL 9:2023<br>IAF MD 28:2023<br>EA 2/21 G :2022<br>IAF MD 29:2024 | DA-PO-005<br>DA-PO-004<br>DA-PO-015<br>DA-PO-012<br>DA-PT-001<br>DA-PT-002<br>DA-PT-006<br>DA-PM-011<br>DA-IN-009<br>DA-IN-010<br>DA-IN-005<br>DA-IN-027 |

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| 14 | Certification bodies of information security systems for privacy | S SH ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 dhe<br>S SH ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024<br><br>ISO/IEC TS 27006-2:2021 | IAF MD 1:2023<br>IAF MD 2:2023<br>IAF MD 4:2023<br>IAF MD 7:2023<br>IAF MD 11:2023<br>IAF MD 12:2023<br>IAF MD 13:2023<br>IAF MD 15:2023<br>IAF MD 23:2023<br>IAF MD 26:2023<br>IAF MD 28:2023 | DA-PO-005<br>DA-PO-004<br>DA-PO-015<br>DA-PO-012<br>DA-PT-001<br>DA-PT-002<br>DA-PT-006<br>DA-PM-011<br>DA-IN-009<br>DA-IN-010<br>DA-IN-005 |

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| 15 | Certification bodies of anti-bribery management systems | S SH ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 and ISO/IEC TS 17021-9:2016 | IAF MD 1:2023<br>IAF MD 2:2023<br>IAF MD 4:2023<br>IAF MD 7:2023<br>IAF MD 11:2023<br>IAF MD 12:2023<br>IAF MD 15:2023<br>IAF MD 23:2023<br>IAF MD 28:2023<br>EA 3/01:2024<br>EA 2/13:2019<br>IAF ML 2:2023<br>IAF PL 9:2023<br>EA 2/21 G :2022<br>EA 3/01:2024 S1:2025 | DA-PO-005<br>DA-PO-004<br>DA-PO-015<br>DA-PO-012<br>DA-PT-001<br>DA-PT-002<br>DA-PT-006<br>DA-PM-011<br>DA-IN-009<br>DA-IN-010<br>DA-IN-005<br>DA-IN-007 |
| 16 | Certification bodies of road traffic safety of management systems | S SH ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 and ISO/IEC TS 17021-7:2014 | IAF MD 1:2023<br>IAF MD 2:2023<br>IAF MD 4:2023<br>IAF MD 7:2023<br>IAF MD 11:2023<br>IAF MD 12:2023 | DA-PO-005<br>DA-PO-004<br>DA-PO-015<br>DA-PO-012<br>DA-PT-001<br>DA-PT-002 |

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| 17 | Certification bodies of event sustainability management systems | S SH ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 and ISO 17021-4: 2013 | IAF MD 1:2023<br>IAF MD 2:2023<br>IAF MD 4:2023<br>IAF MD 7:2023<br>IAF MD 11:2023<br>IAF MD 12:2023<br>IAF MD 15:2023<br>IAF MD 23:2023<br>IAF MD 28:2023<br>EA 3/01:2024<br>EA 2/13:2019<br>IAF ML 2:2023<br>IAF PL 9:2023<br>EA 2/21 G :2022<br>EA 3/01:2024 S1:2025 | DA-PO-005<br>DA-PO-004<br>DA-PO-015<br>DA-PO-012<br>DA-PT-001<br>DA-PT-002<br>DA-PT-006<br>DA-PM-011<br>DA-IN-009<br>DA-IN-010<br>DA-IN-005<br>DA-IN-028 |
| 18 | Product certification bodies | S SH ISO/IEC 17065:2012 | EA 3/01:2024<br>EA 2/13:2019<br>IAF ML 2:2023<br>IAF PL 9:2023 | DA-PO-005<br>DA-PO-004<br>DA_PO-015<br>DA-PO-012 |

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| 20 | Persons certification bodies | S SH ISO/IEC 17024:2012 | EA 3/01:2024<br>EA 2/13:2019<br>IAF PL 8:2023<br>IAF ML 2:2023<br>IAF PL 9:2023<br>IAF MD 7:2023<br>IAF MD 28:2023<br>IAF MD 25:2023<br>EA 2/21 G :2022<br>EA 1/22 A-AB:2023<br>EA 3/01:2024 S1:2025 | DA-PO-005<br>DA-PO-004<br>DA-PO-015<br>DA-PO-012<br>DA-PT-001<br>DA-PT-002<br>DA-PT-006<br>DA-PM-011<br>DA-PM-008<br>DA-IN-005<br>DA-IN-010<br>DA-IN-019 |

## 4. Accreditation of opinions and interpretations

DPA performs accreditation of opinions and interpretations or extension of accreditation for opinions and interpretations according to ISO/IEC 17025 but not as a separate activity, only when the testing laboratory provides the relating testing. It is the responsibility of the laboratory (its own policy), whether to make interpretations of the test results and shall be stated in the documentation of its management system.
Accreditation of opinions and interpretations shall be clearly indicated in the laboratory's scope of accreditation.

If the laboratory seeks accreditation for opinions and interpretations, it shall submit to DPA all the documentation related to opinions and interpretations as well as any other document required for accreditation. The assessment on opinions and interpretations carried out by the technical assessor(s) is a part of the assessment plan.
The laboratory is required to have a procedure for the description of the whole process of expressing opinions and interpretations, including the test report or calibration certificate. Such decision of the laboratory must be stated in the documentation of its management system.

DPA requests the laboratory to determine the criteria to which the authorized person(s) must comply in order to express interpretation and opinions. The laboratory must have records of qualifications, experience, training and authorization.

The customers of the accredited laboratory may require the inclusion of the opinions and interpretations in the testing report which bear the accreditation symbol. In accordance to the paragraph 8.7.8 of standard S SH ISO / IEC 17025:2017 the laboratory may include the opinions and interpretations in the testing report provided that:

1. The laboratory has been accredited to provide opinions and interpretations requested by the customer.
2. The opinion and interpretation were based in the results deriving from the analysis from which the laboratory has been accredited with the method for which he was accredited.

If the laboratory is not accredited for providing opinions and interpretations, they must be released in a separate report and not together with the results obtained from the analysis for which the lab is accredited.

## 5. Subcontracting of assessments

DPA can subcontract other national accreditation bodies, being EA MLA, ILAC MRA or IAF MLA signatory for the respective field EA MLA, for the assessment of CABs, but not the decision-making process. DPA cannot subcontract the assessment without the approval of CAB. DPA has full responsibility over the subcontracted work and is responsible on accreditation decision which includes issuing, maintenance, extension, reduction, suspension and withdrawal of accreditation. The subcontracting of assessment must be documented through an agreement between DPA and the subcontractor which covers all the regulations including the confidentiality and conflict of interests. DPA is responsible for the competence of the subcontracted body and the fulfillment of the requirements about the assessment to be performed. The subcontractor cannot not be directly or indirectly involved in the assessment which affect its impartiality and its independence. DPA implements the relevant procedure for defining the criteria for subcontractor.

**Date: 30.04.2026**

**General Director**

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