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1. Scope of application

This document defines DPA's policy on cross-border accreditation, accreditation of branches and critical locations of conformity assessment bodies registered in Albania and accreditation of conformity assessment bodies accredited by DPA that issue test reports, calibration certificates certification or inspection certificates outside the territory of Albania, taking into consideration international policies and legislation.

2. References:

ISO/IEC 17011:2017 "Conformity assessment – Requirements for accreditation bodies that accredit conformity assessment bodies".

-Regulation 765/2008

-Law no. 116/2014 "On the accreditation of conformity assessment bodies in the Republic of Albania", i ndryshuar.

-DA-PO-002, Accreditation policy


3. Cross Frontier Policy

The DPA policy is to contribute to the development of accreditation in the Region, Europe and the World. DPA provides accreditation service to conformity assessment bodies as a non-profit activity.

It is DPA policy not to promote the accreditation service in countries where national accreditation bodies exist. DPA does not compete with national accrediting bodies in other countries.

DPA can offer the accreditation service to conformity assessment bodies legally registered in another country only in accordance with the criteria established in Article 8 of Law no. 116/2014 "On the accreditation of conformity assessment bodies in the Republic of Albania", amended.

When the DPA accredits a conformity assessment body in another country, due to the lack of technical competence or the non-signing of mutual recognition agreements of the national accreditation body of this country, the DPA notifies the conformity assessment body that it must transfer the accreditation to the national accreditation body of its country as soon as conditions change. In this case DPA will not initiate a new accreditation cycle or expand the scope of accreditation if the conditions have changed. In each case of reassessment, the DPA will verify whether the conditions for providing accreditation to an CAB in another country are met.

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When the DPA accredits an CAB registered in Albania, against a foreign regulation, the DPA will ensure the necessary competence in cooperation with the accreditation body of the country that issued this regulation.

When conformity assessment bodies accredited by DPA establish branches or critical locations in other countries or perform conformity assessment activities in other countries, under the accreditation of DPA, DPA subcontracts the accreditation body of these countries for their assessment, including witnessing carried out in the other country in case the accreditation body of the other country is a signatory of the EA MLA, ILAC MRA or IAF MLA. Subcontracting may not apply even if the accreditation body of the other country refuses to perform the assessment on behalf of the DPA. In the case when the accreditation body of the other country does not agree to carry out the assessment or when it is not a member of the EA MLA, ILAC MRA or IAF MLA, the DPA will not subcontract the accreditation body, but will require that representatives of this body be at least observer.


Conformity assessment bodies that are accredited by DPA may wish to issue reports or certificates with the DPA symbol in other countries outside Albania under the following conditions:

- States in which the accredited reports or certificates were issued by the central office of CAB or by its branches that are under accreditation and,
- States in which CAB operates and in which one or more critical activities are carried out regardless of the legal relationship of these branches with the parent office of CAB.

4 Accreditation criteria for conformity assessment bodies with locations in more than one country

4.1 When a CAB is a registered entity in Albania and accredited by the DPA has other locations outside Albania, it can request from the DPA an accreditation that covers the activities for all its locations. The conditions that must be met and applied regardless of the legal status of the locations are:

4.1.1 Accreditation covering multiple locations is only possible when all activities can fall under the responsibility of a single legal entity. Where the individual locations covered by the accreditation also hold different legal personality, it is expected that these legal entities are related and form part of the same organization.

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The responsibility must be demonstrated on the basis of contractual agreements or other legal agreements between the accredited legal entity and its locations and internal regulations in the locations that specify these relationships in terms of management and responsibilities.

4.1.2 The accreditation certificate and accreditation program issued to CAB by DPA will refer only to the legal entity of this CAB which is responsible for the accredited conformity assessment activities carried out in all its locations.

4.1.3 All of the locations that will be included under the accreditation of the CAB must be operational under the same management and the same management system.

4.1.4 The registered legal entity (CAB) must demonstrate that it has control over and monitors the activities at its locations. The registered legal entity must be able to demonstrate that such control and monitoring is in place and functioning properly.

4.1.5 Where individual locations are legal entities other than that of the accredited CAB they will not provide accredited services to their local market under their local legal entity as this local legal entity is not within the scope of accreditation awarded by DPA.


4.1.6 The legal entity of the accredited CAB maintains responsibility for the activities performed by its locations covered under the scope of its accreditation.

4.1.7 Individual locations of the CAB may offer conformity assessment activities to the local market only on behalf of the accredited CAB. Certificates and reports issued under the accreditation granted by the DPA shall contain the name and address of the accredited legal entity without reference to the name or logo of any local CAB. The quotations, contracts, certificates and reports issued must not create any confusion for the legal entity of the CAB holding the accreditation.

4.2 The principles of multi-locations cross-border accreditation require that the CAB and locations included within the accreditation program must:

1. CAB must cooperate fully with DPA and local accreditation bodies.
2. Individual locations cannot refuse the participation in the assessment, re-assessment and monitoring processes of the local accreditation body.

When accepting applications for accreditation, the DPA must ensure that the applicant is acknowledges and accepts these conditions.

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4.3 If a location is removed from the list of locations provided in the accreditation program, e.g. for failure to meet the requirements, the DPA will determine the impact on the status of the full accreditation program. In this regard, special attention will be paid to the requirements for CAB for control and monitoring of activities (4.1.4) and for taking responsibility for the activities performed 4.1.6).

4.4 It is the DPA's responsibility to design the assessment program to cover the activities, locations and personnel to be assessed in accordance with the procedure "Preparation for assessment and assessment techniques" taking into account the risk associated with the activities and market conditions in each location.

The risk analysis will be reviewed based on data from the local accreditation bodies relying on their knowledge and expertise of their respective markets and regulations. In determining the assessment technique and assessing the conformity to be assessed, the following will be taken into account:

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- Various local regulations
- Knowledge of the local market
- Volume of work performed by CAB in different locations
- Impact of CAB activities carried out under DPA accreditation on local markets, e.g. the market share held by CAB
- History of assessment results of conformity assessment activity and/or locations
- Level of control and monitoring demonstrated by CAB for any given location
- Whether or not the local office has accreditation from the local accreditation body for the same or different accreditation program and/or uses the same or different conformity assessment processes and/or operates the same or different management system.

4) Obligations of DPA applicants and accredited conformity assessment bodies

- Where the location has accreditation from the other local accreditation body, the cycle/frequency of assessment from the other local accreditation body should be used as much as possible

Every beginning of the year, accredited CABs that have issued accredited reports/certificates outside Albania must report on this activity to the DPA.

- Applicants must submit to the DPA all the necessary documentation for the assessment of their activity outside Albania. If this applicant has carried out this activity before, then he must submit a report of his activity outside Albania to the DPA.

- In cases of expansion of the scope of accreditation with critical locations or branches, the accredited CAB must submit to the DPA all the documentation that the DPA requires at least two months before the planned supervisory visit.



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- certification bodies accredited by DPA must report on the number of certificates transferred by other certification bodies from the previous year.
- Each conformity assessment bodies must provide information regarding its activity outside of Albanian as requested by the form DA-FO-083
- Certification bodies of management systems apply DA-IN-009.

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