



Tel: +355 4 22 69097
+355 4 22 69325
Fax:
E-Mail: info@dpa.gov.al

Cross Frontier Policy

Code DA-PO-012

Review no. 3
Data: 7.06.2019

Page 1 from 2

1. Scope of application

This document sets out the General Directorate of Accreditation (DPA) policy on Cross Frontier accreditation and DPA accredited conformity assessment bodies (CABs) issuing DPA accredited reports or certificates outside Albania, taking into account all international policies and legislation.

2. References:

- EA Cross Frontier Policy, EA-2/13
- ILAC Cross Frontier Policy, ILAC GD21
- ISO/IEC 17011:2017 “*Conformity Assessment –Requirements for Accreditation Bodies Accrediting Conformity Assessment Bodies*”.
- Regulation 765/2008 “*Setting out the Requirements for Accreditation and Market Surveillance for the Marketing of Products*”
- Law No **116/2014** ‘On accreditation of conformity assessment bodies in the Republic of Albania’,
- IAF MD2 “*Transfer of Accredited Certification of Management Systems*”

3. Cross Frontier Policy

DPA has the policy to contribute in development of accreditation in region, Europe and World. DPA is providing its services to Albanian conformity assessment bodies as a non profit activity. DPA doesn't promote accreditation services in the country of another accreditation body.

It is DPA's policy not to compete with other national accreditation bodies

DPA applicants and accredited CABs may establish branch offices or critical locations where conformity activities are performed.

Conformity assessment bodies that are accredited by DPA may wish to issue reports or certificates with the symbol of the DPA in other countries abroad in these conditions:

- States in which accredited reports or certificates are issued by the central office of CAB's or its subsidiary and,
- States in which the CAB operate and which carried one or more critical activities regardless of the legal relationship of these branches parent CAB office.



Tel: +355 4 22 69097
+355 4 22 69325
Fax:
E-Mail: info@dpa.gov.al

Cross Frontier Policy

Code DA-PO-012

Review no. 3
Data: 7.06.2019

Page 2 from 2

For implementation of this policy and performing the on site assessment, DPA shall follow the applicable European and international guidance (EA-2/13, IAF GD3 and ILAC-G21) and complete such work by subcontracting the assessment to the local accreditation body where this is possible.

In cases where the CAB does not accept the involvement of local accreditation body in its assessment DPA will offer this service in these conditions:

- CAB gives DPA a justifiable and documented reason relating to the rejection of the local accreditation body;
- A staff member of the DPA will be present at the initial assessment and in every other assessment is not considered necessary
- DPA has reasonable resources and competence to perform the assessment of CAB activities carried out including but not limited to the competence to assess the legal requirements regarding to the activity of the CAB, translation and interpretation, etc –
- CAB promises to undertake in due time all the administrative arrangements that are necessary for the DPA to assess the activities carried out abroad CAB
- Accreditation conducted by DPA is permitted by regulatory and statutory requirements applicable.

4) Obligations of DPA applicants and accredited conformity assessment bodies

- Every beginning year, accredited CAB have issued reports / certificates accredited abroad, shall report this activity to the DPA.
- DPA applicants shall submit to DPA all the documentation for assessment of their activity outside of Albania. If the applicant has previously performed this activity it shall submit to DPA a report of its activity abroad.
- In case of extension of accreditation scope with critical locations and branch offices the DPA accredited CAB's shall submit to DPA all the documentation that DPA needs at least two months before planned surveillance visit.
- Management systems certification bodies, shall report on the number of certificates transferred from other certification bodies from the previous year.

Data: 7.06.2019

General Director
Armond HALEBI