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.

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
  - quality management systems
  - food safety management systems
  - medical devices quality management system
  - business continuity management system
  - occupational health and safety management systems

- information technology management systems
- environmental management system
- energy management system
- information security management systems
- anti-Bribery management system
- road Traffic Safety management system

- product certification bodies
- certification bodies of persons
- proficiency test providers (PTP)
- reference material producers (RMP).

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

No	Type of CAB	Accreditation standard	EA/ILAC/IAF document	DPA document
1	Testing laboratories	S SH ISO/IEC 17025:2017	EA-4/09, EA-4/22, EA-4/16, , EA 3/01 ILAC P 8ILAC P 10, ILAC P 9 , ILAC G8, ILAC G17, ILAC G18, ILAC G 19 ILAC G 24, ILAC G 29, EA 2/13	DA-PO-005 DA-PO-004 DA-PO-007 DA-PO-008 DA-PO-015 DA-PO-012 DA-PT-001 DA-PT-002 DA-PT-006 DA-PM-011 DA-IN-011
2	Calibration laboratories	S SH ISO/IEC	EA-4/02, ILAC P14,	DA-PO-005

		17025:2017	ILAC G 24, ILAC P 10, ILAC P8, EA 3/01, EA 2/13	DA-PO-004 DA-PO-007 DA-PO-008 DA-PO-015 DA-PO-012 DA-PT-001 DA-PT-002 DA-PT-006 DA-PM-011 DA-IN-011
3	Medical Laboratories	S SH ISO 15189:2012	EA-4/20, ILAC G 26 EA 4/17, ILAC P 8, EA 3/01, EA 2/13	DA-PO-005 DA-PO-004 DA-PO-007 DA-PO-008 DA-PO-015 DA-PO-012 DA-PT-001 DA-PT-002 DA-PT-006 DA-PM-011 DA-IN-011
4	Inspection bodies	S SH ISO /IEC17020:2012	ILAC P 15, ILAC G19, ILAC G 27 , ILAC G 28, EA 3/01, ILAC P 8, EA 2/13	DA-PO-005 DA-PO-004 DA-PO-007 DA-PO-008 DA-PO-015 DA-PO-012 DA-PT-001

				DA-PT-002 DA-PT-006 DA-PO-018 DA-IN-011 DA-PM-011
5	Certification bodies quality management systems	ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 and ISO/IEC TS 17021-3:2013	IAF MD 1 IAF MD 2 IAF MD 4 IAF MD 5 IAF MD 10 IAF MD 11 IAF MD 12 IAF MD 15, IAF MD 17 IAF MD 23 EA 3/01 EA 2/13 IAF PL 8 IAF ML 2	DA-PO-005 DA-PO-004 DA-PO-015 DA-PO-012 DA-PT-001 DA-PT-002 DA-PT-006 DA-PM-011 DA-PM-008 DA-IN-009
6	Certification bodies of food safety management system	S SH ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015, and ISO/TS 22003:2013	IAF MD 1 IAF MD 2 IAF MD 4 IAF MD 7 IAF MD 10 IAF MD 11 IAF MD 12 IAF MD 15, IAF MD 16	DA-PT-001 DA-PT-002 DA-PT-006 DA-PM-011 DA-PO-005 DA-PO-004 DA-IN-009 DA-IN-018

			IAF MD 17 IAF MD 23 EA 2/13 EA 3/01 IAF PL 8 IAF ML 2	
7	Certification bodies of medical devices quality management systems	S SH ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015	IAF MD 1 IAF MD 2 IAF MD 4 IAF MD 7 IAF MD 8 IAF MD 9 IAF MD 10 IAF MD 11 IAF MD 12 IAF MD 15 IAF MD 17 IAF MD 23 EA 2/13 EA 3/01 IAF PL 8 IAF ML 2	DA-PO-005 DA-PO-004 DA-PO-015 DA-PO-012 DA-PT-001 DA-PT-002 DA-PT-006 DA-PM-011 DA-IN-009
8	Certification bodies of business continuity management systems	S SH ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 and ISO/IEC 17021-6:2014	IAF MD 1 IAF MD 2 IAF MD 4 IAF MD 7 IAF MD 10 IAF MD 11	DA-PO-005 DA-PO-004 DA-PO-015 DA-PO-012 DA-PT-001 DA-PT-002

			IAF MD 12 IAF MD 15 IAF MD 17 IAF MD 23 EA 3/01 EA 2/13 IAF PL 8 IAF ML 2	DA-PT-006 DA-PM-011 DA-IN-009 DA-IN-022
9	Certification bodies of occupational health and safety management systems	ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 and ISO/IEC 17021-10:2018	IAF MD 1 IAF MD 2 IAF MD 4 IAF MD 7 IAF MD 10 IAF MD 11 IAF MD 12 IAF MD 15 IAF MD 17 IAF MD 23 IAF MD 22 EA 3/01 EA 2/13 IAF PL 8 IAF ML 2	DA-PO-005 DA-PO-004 DA-PO-015 DA-PO-012 DA-PT-001 DA-PT-002 DA-PT-006 DA-PM-011 DA-IN-017 DA-IN-009
10	Certification bodies of information technology management systems	S SH ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 and ISO 20000-6:2017	IAF MD 1 IAF MD 2 IAF MD 4 IAF MD 7 IAF MD 10	DA-PO-005 DA-PO-004 DA-PO-015 DA-PO-012 DA-PT-001

			IAF MD 11 IAF MD 12 IAF MD 15 IAF MD 17 IAF MD 23 EA 3/01 EA 2/13 IAF PL 8 IAF ML 2	DA-PT-002 DA-PT-006 DA-PM-011 DA-IN-021 DA-IN-020 DA-IN-009
11	Certification bodies of environmental management system	S SH ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015, and ISO/IEC 17021-2:2016	IAF MD 1 IAF MD 2 IAF MD 4 IAF MD 5 IAF MD 6 IAF MD 7 IAF MD 10 IAF MD 11 IAF MD 12 IAF MD 15 IAF MD 17 IAF MD 23 EA 3/01 EA 2/13 IAF PL 8 IAF ML 2	DA-PO-005 DA-PO-004 DA-PO-015 DA-PO-012 DA-PT-001 DA-PT-002 DA-PT-006 DA-PM-011 DA-IN-009
12	Certification bodies of energy management system	S SH ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 and ISO/TS 50003:2014	IAF MD 1 IAF MD 2 IAF MD 4	DA-PO-005 DA-PO-004 DA-PO-015

			IAF MD 7 IAF MD 10 IAF MD 11 IAF MD 12 IAF MD 15 IAF MD 17 IAF MD 23 EA 3/01 EA 2/13 IAF PL 8 IAF ML 2	DA-PO-012 DA-PT-001 DA-PT-002 DA-PT-006 DA-PM-011 DA-IN-019 DA-IN-009
13	Certification bodies of information security systems	S SH ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 and ISO/IEC 27006:2015	IAF MD 1 IAF MD 2 IAF MD 4 IAF MD 7 IAF MD 10 IAF MD 11 IAF MD 12 IAF MD 13 IAF MD 15 IAF MD 17 IAF MD 23 EA 3/01 EA 2/13 IAF PL 8 IAF ML 2	DA-PO-005 DA-PO-004 DA-PO-015 DA-PO-012 DA-PT-001 DA-PT-002 DA-PT-006 DA-PM-011 DA-IN-009
14	Certification bodies of anti-Bribery management system	S SH ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 and	IAF MD 1 IAF MD 2	DA-PO-005 DA-PO-004

		ISO/IEC TS 17021-9:2016	IAF MD 4 IAF MD 7 IAF MD 10 IAF MD 11 IAF MD 12 IAF MD 15 IAF MD 17 IAF MD 23 EA 3/01 EA 2/13 IAF PL 8 IAF ML 2	DA-PO-015 DA-PO-012 DA-PT-001 DA-PT-002 DA-PT-006 DA-PM-011 DA-IN-009
15	Certification bodies of road Traffic Safety management system	S SH ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 and ISO/IEC TS 17021-7:2014	IAF MD 1 IAF MD 2 IAF MD 4 IAF MD 7 IAF MD 10 IAF MD 11 IAF MD 12 IAF MD 15 IAF MD 17 IAF MD 23 EA 3/01 EA 2/13 IAF PL 8 IAF ML 2	DA-PO-005 DA-PO-004 DA-PO-015 DA-PO-012 DA-PT-001 DA-PT-002 DA-PT-006 DA-PM-011 DA-IN-009
16	Product certification bodies	S SH ISO/IEC 17065:2012	EA 6/02 EA: 6/04	DA-PO-005 DA-PO-004

			EA 3/12 EA 3/01 EA 2/13 IAF MD 7 IAF PL 8 IAF ML 2	DA_PO-015 DA-PO-012 DA-PT-001 DA-PT-002 DA-PT-006 DA-PM-011 DA-PM-008
17	Certification bodies of persons	S SH ISO/IEC 17024:2012	EA 2/13 EA 3/01 IAF MD 7 IAF PL 8 IAF ML 2	DA-PO-005 DA-PO-004 DA_PO-015 DA-PO-012 DA-PT-001 DA-PT-002 DA-PT-006 DA-PM-011 DA-PM-008
18	PT providers	ISO/IEC 17043:2010	EA 3/01, EA 2/13 ILAC P 8	DA-PT-001 DA-PT-002 DA-PT-006 DA-PM-011 DA-PO-005 DA-PO-004
19	RM producers	ISO 17034:2016	EA 3/01 EA 2/13 ILAC P 8	DA-PT-001 DA-PT-002 DA-PT-006 DA-PM-011 DA-PO-005 DA-PO-004

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.

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