

SLAB POLICY ON TRANSITION TO ISO/IEC 17021-1: 2015, ISO 9001: 2015 AND ISO 14001: 2015

Transition to ISO/IEC 17021-1: 2015

SLAB accredited and applicant management system certification bodies are required to comply with the requirements of this policy commencing 25th of January 2016. The new ISO/IEC 17021 - 1:2015 standard was published on the 15th June 2015 and will replace ISO 17021:2011. The agreed transition period is 2 years from the date of publication and IAF information document ID11:2015 provides further details in this regard. This means that all Management Systems Certification Bodies will need to have successfully transferred to the new standard within 2 years from the publication date.

As per the SLAB policy on transition, accreditation granted as per ISO/IEC 17021: 2011 would not be valid after 15th June 2017.

In addition, the following are also applicable for this transition.

1. SLAB is ready to carry out assessments against ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 after 25th of January 2016.
2. SLAB does not accept applications against ISO/IEC 17021: 2011 after 25th of January 2016.
3. All assessments of new applicants (pre-assessments/initial assessments) and SLAB accredited system certification bodies (surveillance assessments/re-assessments) will be conducted in accordance with ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 from 25th of January 2016 onwards as per their assessment schedules.
4. System Certification Bodies whose applications were accepted as per ISO/IEC 17021: 2011 and pending as on 25th of January 2016 will be granted accreditation as per ISO/IEC 17021: 2011 up to 15th June 2016.

Any Application pending on 15th June 2016 shall have to demonstrate compliance to ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 to be accredited after 15th June 2016.

Accreditation will not be granted as per ISO/IEC 17021: 2011 after 15th June 2016.

5. System Certification Bodies granted accreditation as per ISO/IEC 17021: 2011 before 15th June 2016 shall undergo surveillance assessment to demonstrate their compliance to ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 as per their normal assessment schedules and complete the process of surveillance assessment on or before 15th April 2017.

SLAB accredited System Certification Bodies shall be fully compliant with the requirements of the standard ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 by 14th June 2017.

6. Any exception to the above policy may be granted on a specific request from a System Certification Body. However, in line with IAF's Resolution, such a System Certification Body shall have to demonstrate compliance to ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 by 14th June 2017.

The accreditation of any System Certification Body which fails to demonstrate compliance to ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 by 14th June 2017 shall be placed under temporally suspension for a maximum of 03 months. Failure to comply with ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 by the end of this period would result in withdrawal of accreditation.

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Transition to ISO 9001: 2015

The International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and the ISO Committee on Conformity Assessment (CASCO) have agreed to a three year transition period from the publication date of ISO 9001:2015. IAF Resolution 2013 -15 was passed by the IAF General Assembly in Seoul on 23 October 2013 endorsing a 3 year transition period to ISO 9001:2015.

Transition to ISO 14001: 2015

The International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and the ISO Committee on Conformity Assessment (CASCO) have agreed to a three year transition period from the publication date of ISO 14001:2015. IAF Resolution 2014- 11 was passed by the IAF General Assembly in Vancouver on 17 October 2014 endorsing a 3 year transition period to ISO 14001:2015.

SLAB accredited and applicant management system certification bodies are required to comply with the requirements of this policy commencing 25th of January 2016.

As per the SLAB policy on transition, accreditation granted for ISO 9001; 2008 and ISO 14001: 2004 would not be valid after 15th September 2018.

In addition, the following are also applicable for this transition.

1. SLAB is ready to carry out assessments against ISO 9001: 2015 and ISO 14001: 2015 after 25th of January 2016.
2. SLAB does not accept applications against ISO 9001: 2008 and ISO 14001: 2004 after 15th of September 2016.
3. All assessments of new applicants (pre-assessments/initial assessments) and SLAB accredited system certification bodies (surveillance assessments/re-assessments) will be conducted in accordance with ISO 9001: 2015 and ISO 14001: 2015 from 15th of September 2016 onwards as per their assessment schedules.
4. System Certification Bodies whose applications were accepted as per ISO 9001: 2008 and ISO 14001: 2004 and pending as on 25th of January 2016 will be granted accreditation as per ISO 9001: 2008 and ISO 14001: 2004 till 15th of January 2017.

Accreditation will not be granted as per ISO 9001: 2008 and ISO 14001: 2004 after 15th of January 2017.

5. SLAB accredited System Certification Bodies shall be fully compliant with the requirements of ISO 9001: 2015 and ISO 14001: 2015 by 14th September 2018.
6. Any exception to the above policy may be granted on a specific request from a System Certification Body. However, in line with IAF's Resolution, such a System Certification Body shall have to demonstrate compliance to ISO 9001: 2015 and ISO 14001: 2015 by 14th September 2018.

The accreditation of any System Certification Body which fails to demonstrate compliance to ISO 9001: 2015 and ISO 14001: 2015 by 14th September 2018 shall be placed under temporally suspension for a maximum of 03 months. Failure to comply with ISO 9001: 2015 and ISO 14001: 2015 by the end of this period would result in withdrawal of accreditation.

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