

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2016.
2. SLAB does not accept applications against ISO/IEC 17021: 2011 after 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2016 will be granted accreditation as per ISO/IEC 17021: 2011 up to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

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

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

5. System Certification Bodies granted accreditation as per ISO/IEC 17021: 2011 before 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

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

The accreditation of any System Certification Body which fails to demonstrate compliance to ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 by 14<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2016.
2. SLAB does not accept applications against ISO 9001: 2008 and ISO 14001: 2004 after 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2016 will be granted accreditation as per ISO 9001: 2008 and ISO 14001: 2004 till 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2017.

Accreditation will not be granted as per ISO 9001: 2008 and ISO 14001: 2004 after 15<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

The accreditation of any System Certification Body which fails to demonstrate compliance to ISO 9001: 2015 and ISO 14001: 2015 by 14<sup>th</sup> 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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