

Technical Committee 2 report 2019

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TC 2 structure

TC 2: Certification,
Validation & Verification

WG on product
certification (incl.
organic & halal
certification)

WG on
certification of
persons

WG on sustainability
(GHG, footprints,
EnMS etc)

WG on
management
system
certification

Position on Draft IAF MD on Criteria for Evaluation of Conformity Assessment Schemes



TC2 takes the issue of the development of the IAF MD draft document Criteria for Evaluation of Conformity Assessment Schemes to the APAC General Assembly with the recommendation that all APAC members support it as a document that is solely appropriate for schemes endorsed by IAF, and is not appropriate for use by ABs.

ISO/IEC 17011, 4.6.3 The accreditation body shall have a policy and documented procedures to determine the suitability of the conformity assessment schemes and standards for accreditation purposes.

Draft IAF MD on Criteria for Evaluation of Conformity Assessment Scheme

This document contains the criteria to be used by IAF MLA Signatory AB (in terms of compliance with 17011) or IAF/Regions when evaluating conformity assessment schemes (CAS) in accordance with ISO/IEC 17011:2017 or IAF PL3.

ISO/CASCO 17065 4.2.6 clarification



The PCWG disagree with approach of EA but recommend to APAC TC2 to request IAF to clarify with ISO/CASCO to make impartiality the same in all standards – i.e. to make it clear whether a CB can or cannot design/consult to one client and certify another within the same product scope. Also to make clear what activities are clearly prohibited.

TC2 action 1901-01: Provide a statement on behalf of APAC TC2 to the relevant IAF forum that reflects the PCWG recommendation regarding the ISO/CASCO clarification on ISO/IEC 17065, 4.2.6.

The PCWG recommend to APAC TC to submit the APAC TEC4-002 document to be adopted by IAF at Frankfurt meeting in October 2019.

TC2 action 1901-02: Submit APAC TEC4-002 to IAF with a proposal that this document become an IAF guidance document. This action should be completed in time for the document to circulate and considered by the IAF at its annual meetings in Frankfurt in 2019.

Flexible scopes for certification bodies

TC2 agreed to establish a task force to prepare draft guidance on flexible scopes. The task force is to be convened by Mr. Muhammad Shahid Rasool (EIAC)

TC2 action 1901-03: Convene the APAC TC2 *Task Force on flexible scopes* to develop draft guidance on the application of flexible scopes. The first draft is to be circulated for APAC Member comment prior to 31 December 2019, and the final draft to be submitted to the APAC Executive Committee for their approval by 21 February 2020.

In preparing the draft guidance the Convenor is to discuss the scope of the guidance with the TC1 and TC2 Chairs to ensure all necessary areas of accreditation are covered.

Timeframe for withdrawal of certificates



TC2 agreed that it was for each APAC Member to determine their own time period for the transfer of certification after withdraw of accreditation.

Members must require the immediate notification by the CB to its clients that accreditation has been withdrawn, and that some members indicated their practice for certificates to be transferred is within 3 months. For management systems IAF MD2 applies.

It was noted that in person or product certification, scheme requirements may specify timeframes and appropriate processes.

TC 1 & TC 2 JWG



Noting the previous Executive Committee decision, TC2 agreed with the TC1 recommendation that a joint WG (JWG1)

TC2 action 1901-04: Co-convene TC1/TC2 JWG1 to further consider the following issues:

- identification and assessment of sites with key activities;
- assessment of remote sites and associated techniques; and
- assessment of virtual sites and associated techniques.

The JWG is requested to take into account the content of the previous APLAC TC 013, IAF MD 4 and IAF ID 12, and any APAC member practices on these topics.

The outcome of the JWG is to report back to TC1 and TC2 at their next meetings on the need and possible content for any further APAC guidance/requirements on these subjects.

TC 2 new leadership

TC2 welcomed Ms. Kathryn Lockyer (JAS-ANZ) as the new TC2 Chair, and Ms. Bussaba Saelim (NSC) Vice Chair, and thanked Fei Yang (CNAS) and Chikako (JAB) for their dedication and leadership.

Thank you for attention