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To all accredited and applicant Certification Bodies MS scheme
To the Associations of Conformity Assessment Bodies
To all Assessors/Experts of the DC Department

Their offices**SUBJECT Certification and Inspection Department**

Informative Circular DC N°10/2025 - Withdrawal of Technical Regulation RT-21 "Requirements for the accreditation of Bodies operating the Certification of the Quality Management System (QMS – IAF 34) of organizations that carry out verification activities of the planning of public works, for the purposes of validation/approval" rev.00 of 12/12/2019

Dear Sirs,

In compliance with the provisions of Annex I.7, Section IV, art.35, paragraph 1, letter b) of Legislative Decree no. 36 of 31 March 2023, amended following the publication of Legislative Decree no. 209 of 31/12/2024:

- ***"b) Accreditation bodies, for type A, B and C Inspection Bodies according to the European standard UNI CEI EN ISO/IEC 17020, and for Certification Bodies of the internal quality control system in accordance with the requirements of the standard UNI EN ISO 9001, the bodies participating in the European Cooperation for Accreditation (EA),..."***

We inform you that, starting from the date of publication of this Circular, the Technical Regulation RT-21 will be withdrawn and the relative provisions will no longer be verified by our assessors for work projects managed by organizations certified according to Legislative Decree no. 36/2023 and subsequent amendments, but they will continue to be verified for any work projects previously contracted and managed according to RT-21.

As regards the maintenance activities already foreseen in the 2025 MS accreditation technical program, such as sampling of QMS RT-21 files and witnessed assessments, these must still be conducted until 31/12/2025, in order to ensure impartial management towards the Certification Bodies that have carried out such activities: the assessments will ensure coverage of the IAF 34 sector for the ISO 9001 scheme.

We recommend sending to the ACCREDIA Programming Office (email: programmazione@accredia.it) the information necessary for relative performance.

The following process reported in the scope of certification is specified:

- ***“Verification of the planning of work for the purposes of validation/approval, in accordance with current legislation”***

which will be referable to IAF sector 34–ISO 9001:2015 Scheme (QMS).

Considering that the activity of work project verification is regulated by Legislative Decree 36/2023 and subsequent amendments, for the maintenance of accreditation, in addition to the normal sampling rules provided for by the document IAF MD 17 (including the need to carry out a witnessed assessment at least once in the accreditation cycle) for the coverage of the Cluster identified as "Construction", ACCREDIA will carry out at least one assessment in the accreditation cycle (on-site or witnessed) for the CABs accredited to QMS IAF 34, which have certified companies for this type of process, except for any unplanned activities (supplemental/extraordinary), which may become necessary if there are any critical issues which emerged.

Bodies previously accredited for QMS RT-21

- they will be able to issue new quotations immediately without taking into consideration RT-21. For contracts already signed, the individual Bodies retain the option to evaluate on a case-by-case basis whether to update them or maintain their validity;
- they shall conduct the conformity assessment activities following all the requirements of the standard UNI EN ISO 9001:2015 with particular reference to the contents and modalities of the work planning verification activities, reported in Annex I.7 of Legislative Decree 36/2023, as provided for in art. 42 of Legislative Decree 36/2023 and confirmed following the publication of Legislative Decree 209/2024;
- they will have to reissue the certificates, without reference to RT-21, or to the first modification of the certificate or to the first renewal but always explicitly stating in the scope of certification the process of ***“Verification of the work planning for the purposes of validation/approval, in accordance with current legislation”***.

Bodies accredited for the QMS scheme in IAF sector 34 without extension to RT-21.

- they will be able to manage the certification process relating to the ***“Verification of the work planning for the purposes of validation/approval, according to current legislation”***, giving immediate communication to ACCREDIA, which will adapt the program of surveillance activities, in order to be able to verify the competence of the CAB in the management of this certification process.

The verification of the competence of **new Certification Bodies** in the certification process relating to the ***"Verification of the work planning for the purposes of validation/approval, according to current legislation"*** will therefore be managed by ACCREDIA, according to the indications in the previous paragraph, within the scope of accreditation for the QMS scheme in IAF sector 34 and no longer as an extension of it.

The ACCREDIA Technical Office is available for any clarification.

With kind regards.

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