

TECHNICAL CIRCULAR**Ref. DC2025SPM077****Milan, 11-06-2025**

To all accredited/accreditation-seeking bodies within the Certification and Inspection Department

To all Inspectors/Experts

To all Members and Experts of the Sector Accreditation Committees of the Certification and Inspection Department

At their location

SUBJECT: Technical circular DC No. 23/2025 - Issuance of New Revisions of Accreditation Regulations (RG) of the Certification and Inspection Department

We hereby inform you that, as of June 16th of this year, the following revisions of the Accreditation Regulations relevant to the Certification and Inspection Department come into force:

- RG-01 – General Part, rev. 06
- RG-01-01 Regulation for the Accreditation of Management System Certification Bodies, rev. 03
- RG-01-02 Regulation for the Accreditation of Persons Certification Bodies, rev. 03
- RG-01-03 Regulation for the Accreditation of Product/Service/Process Certification Bodies, rev. 03
- RG-01-04 Regulation for the Accreditation of Inspection Bodies, rev. 03
- RG-01-05 Regulation for the Accreditation of Validation and Verification Bodies, rev. 02

These revisions were made necessary to incorporate an improvement note from EA following an analysis regarding the handling of a complaint related to an accreditation case. On this occasion, references to certain Authorities with which ACCREDIA has signed specific Memoranda of Understanding were updated; references to outdated or non-applicable documents/regulations were removed; references to recently revised EA documents were added for the application of specific rules and some specific requirements from RG-01-01 were included in other scheme-specific regulations.

Below is a detailed overview of the changes made.

RG-01 GENERAL PART

- **§ 1.8.4.1:** It has been clarified that, for accreditation areas for the purpose of notification, the scopes of accreditation also include the modules. At the same time, the possibility of ensuring coverage of part of the scope through competence verification alone has been eliminated for all areas (validation, verification, inspection, certification), except for management systems QMS, EMS and OH&SMS as explicitly allowed by the document IAF MD 17.

It has also been clarified that the coverage of the accreditation scope in certain areas where specific ACCREDIA Technical Documents (DT) apply follows competence criteria based on homogeneity and similarity or other possible instructions from the relevant Authorities, if any.

RG-01-01 MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CERTIFICATION

- **§ 0.4 and other parts:** Updated the name of the Italian Federation for Aerospace, Defence and Security to AIAD-RMS;
- **§ 1.3.2 and § 1.6.4:** Specified that in some cases (e.g., notifications), the execution of the witnessing (WA) can occur after granting the accreditation/extension and, in these cases, the CAB is obligated to inform ACCREDIA of the first available assessment activity to allow its execution. This postponed WA must occur within 18 months, after which reductions/withdrawals will apply as established by a mandatory Resolution from EA's Technical Management Board (TMB);
- **§ 1.5.1.2:** Management aligned with IAF MD 17, i.e., the possibility of conducting witnessing in accredited clusters within a 5-year period, and clarified the timeframe for completing the fifth year;
- **§ 1.3.2 - 1.4 - 1.5.1.5 – 1.5.2.2. – 1.7 – 1.8.4:** Application of requirements from Technical Document DT-01-DC for accreditation for notification purposes clarified;
- **§ 1.8.2:** It has been specified that in some cases (e.g., notifications), the execution of the witnessing activity (WA) may be carried out after granting the accreditation, with the consequent obligation for the CAB to inform ACCREDIA of the first available assessment activity to allow its execution. It is also specified that this postponed WA must be performed within a maximum period of 18 months, after which reductions or withdrawals shall be applied.

In such cases, any CAB wishing to reapply will no longer be permitted to follow the procedure allowing deferred WA. Therefore, before the accreditation decision is made, a witness (simulated) must necessarily be conducted.

This provision fully implements the aforementioned mandatory Resolution issued by the EA Technical Management Board.

For consistency of management, this provision is extended to all regulated areas, unless otherwise specified or timed differently by the relevant Authority.

- **§ 1.10:** References to the ANAC agreement for the QMS IAF 28 scheme have been removed, as it is no longer in effect, and the applicable scenarios for possible measures in case of failure to update data in the ACCREDIA database have been updated accordingly;
- **PARTE 3:** Removed references to obsolete Technical Regulations RT-05 and RT-21.

PERSONS CERTIFICATION RG-01-02

- **§ 1.3.1 and 1.6.3:** Specified the need to fill out the form necessary for assessing compliance with paragraph 8 of the EN ISO/IEC 17024 standard;
- **§ 1.3.2 e 1.6.4:** Incorporated same requirements as in RG-01-01
- **§ 1.3.2 - 1.4 – 1.5.1.5 – 1.5.2.2 – 1.7 – 1.8.4:** Incorporated same requirements as in RG-01-01;
- **§ 1.8.2:** Some limitations have been introduced following the application of EA document 3/01 regarding the validity of certifications in the event that a CAB loses its accreditation. The same provisions as in RG-01-01 have been applied concerning the reduction of scope after 18 months without having performed the postponed witnessing (WA) under accreditation.

PRODUCT/SERVICE/PROCESS CERTIFICATION RG-01-03

- **§ 1.3.2 e 1.6.4:** Incorporated same requirements as in RG-01-01;
- **§ 1.3.2 - 1.4 – 1.5.1.5 – 1.5.2.2 – 1.7 – 1.8.4:** Incorporated same requirements as in RG-01-01;
- **§ 1.8.2:** Some limitations have been introduced following the application of EA document 3/01 regarding the validity of certifications in the event that a CAB loses its accreditation. The same provisions as in RG-01-01 have been applied concerning the reduction of scope after 18 months without having performed the postponed witnessing (WA) under accreditation.

In this regard, for certain food sectors, different WA timelines have been established compared to the deadline of 18 months, either as agreed with the relevant National Authority (24 months for PDO, PGI, and TSG products), or in accordance with EA documents (48 months for the organic sector as provided by EA 3/12).

INSPECTION RG-01-04

- **§ 1.3.2 e 1.6.4:** Incorporated same requirements as in RG-01-01. Introduced the possibility of performing WA after accreditation for this scheme;
- **§ 1.3.2 - 1.4 – 1.5.1.5 – 1.5.2.2 – 1.7 – 1.8.4:** Incorporated same requirements as in RG-01-01;
- **§ 1.8.2:** The same provisions as in RG-01-01 have been applied regarding the reduction of scope after 18 months without having performed the postponed witnessing (WA) under accreditation.

VALIDATION AND VERIFICATION RG-01-05

- § 1.1: Clarified the prescriptive value of any Technical Documents (DT) and Technical Circulars issued within a specific conformity assessment scheme;
- § 1.3.2 e 1.6.4: Added references to Ministerial Notifications/Authorizations (e.g., CPR scheme);
- § 1.3.2 e 1.6.4: Incorporated same requirements as in RG-01-01;
- § 1.3.2 - 1.4 – 1.5.1.5 – 1.5.2.2 – 1.7 – 1.8.4: Incorporated same requirements as in RG-01-01;
- § 1.8.2: The same provisions as in RG-01-01 have been applied regarding the reduction of scope after 18 months without having performed the postponed witnessing (WA) under accreditation;
- § 2.1: Removed erroneous reference to the CIG document not yet prepared concerning recommendations from ACCREDIA's Steering and Guarantee Committee for the verification of certain EN ISO/IEC 17029 requirements”.

It should be noted that a signature for acceptance of the General Part RG-01 Regulations is not required as the commitment to accept the conditions contained in the Accreditation Regulations is already referred to in the Accreditation Agreement (CO).

We remain at your disposal for any clarifications.

Best regards.

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