



NABCB Policy on Transition to Revised Versions of ISO 14064- Pt 1 ,2 & 3

Introduction:

NABCB operates its accreditation schemes based on international standards and other mandatory requirements of IAF / ILAC / APAC as relevant and approved by the NABCB Board. The validation and verification bodies are required to comply with ISO 14065, and IAF/ APAC as well as NABCB requirements as specified in the NABCB Accreditation Criteria, and Accreditation Procedure for Greenhouse Gas (GHG) V/V Bodies. The NABCB Accreditation Criteria for Validation and Verification Bodies (VVBs) prescribes that applicant and accredited VVBs shall comply with ISO 14065, relevant IAF documents (IAF MD 6, MD 14) and ISO 14064-3.

The standard ISO 14064-1 was revised in Dec 2018, while ISO 14064-2 and ISO 14064-3 were revised in April 2019.

Transitional Arrangements for the revision of ISO 14064-1:2006 “Greenhouse gases -- Part 1: Specification with guidance at the organization level for quantification and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions and removals” and 14064-2:2006 “Greenhouse gases -- Part 2: Specification with guidance at the project level for quantification, monitoring and reporting of greenhouse gas emission reductions” – which were published in 12-2018 and 04-2019. IAF resolution informs that a three-year period has been agreed to from the date of publication of the revised standard.

Within this transition timeline:

- ABs shall be ready to carry out transition assessment for ISO 14064-1:2018 and ISO 14064-2:2018 within 6 months from the date of publication of the revised standard.
Note: If there is an exception to the above, the AB shall justify the exception based on valid reasons.
- CABs shall complete the transition with ABs for ISO 14064-1:2018 and ISO 14064-2:2018 within 3 years from the date of publication of the revised standard.

The 33rd General Assembly of IAF resolved that the transition arrangement for the revision of ISO 14064-3 “Greenhouse gases — Specification with guidance for the verification and validation of greenhouse gas statements” shall be four years from 30 April 2019. Any Greenhouse Gas Validation and Verification engagements commencing after 30 April 2023 shall be performed in accordance with ISO 14064-3:2019.

Within this transition timeline:

- ABs shall be ready to carry out ISO 14065 assessments using ISO 14064-3: 2019 for conformity assessment schemes that refer to ISO 14064-3 within 18 months from 30 April 2019.

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- Where local legislation/regulation requires accredited validation/verification referencing ISO 14064-3:2006 and has not been amended to reflect ISO 14064-3:2019, the use of ISO 14064-3:2006 in accredited validation/verification may be extended

Considering the above transitional requirements by IAF, and the fact that NABCB accreditation scheme for GHG VVBs was launched in Jan 2019, as well as in view of only limited number of applicant / accredited VVBs, NABCB has decided that the following transition policy for all VVBs:

- a) NABCB shall start assessments based on the revised standards and would use these standards as the criteria at least 12 months before the announced transition deadline of the respective standard. If any VVB has implemented the revised standard(s) earlier, and is ready to undergo NABCB assessment, it shall be carried out by NABCB.
- b) VVBs may opt for assessments based on the revised versions at any time during the transition period, but NABCB will conduct all assessments as per the revised standards as per the timelines prescribed in the implementation plan below.
- c) Accreditation of VVBs who have not transitioned by the deadline would be suspended, and/or withdrawn as per NABCB Accreditation Procedure.

This policy shall remain in force until **30 Nov 2021 for ISO 14064-1 & 2 and until 30 Nov 2022 for ISO 14064-3**

Implementation for ISO 14064-1 & 2:

NABCB shall implement the revised version of ISO 14064- 1 & 2 (as applicable as per scope of accreditation granted) as per the following transition plan:

1. All VVBs accredited/applicant under the NABCB GHG Validation/Verification Body Accreditation Scheme shall submit its plan for implementation of ISO 14064-1 & 2 to NABCB by **30 Oct 2020**. The implementation plan shall clearly indicate the VVB documents in which the revised requirements shall be appropriately addressed and the process of transition to be followed for complete implementation by **30 Nov 2020**.
2. All applicant/accredited V/V Bodies under the NABCB accreditation shall confirm to NABCB the revision of its documentation as well as complete implementation of the revised requirements of ISO 14064-1,2 on or before **30 Nov 2020**.
3. NABCB shall consider ISO 14064-1,2 to carry out assessments from **01 Dec 2020**. NABCB will also carry out assessment as per revised versions of the standard(s) if the VVB is ready prior to this date.
4. NABCB accredited V/V bodies shall be assessed for compliance to ISO 14064-1,2 during their routine onsite assessment (surveillance / re-assessment) due on or after **01 Dec 2020**, unless the VVB prefers an early assessment.
5. NABCB applicant V/V bodies whose applications are under process as on **30 Nov 2020** shall have to demonstrate compliance to ISO 14064-1,2 during their office

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assessment when scheduled by NABCB. Applicant V/V bodies whose office assessment is carried out by NABCB before 30 Nov 2020 shall submit its revised documentation, and the compliance in such case shall be verified through a remote assessment before a decision on accreditation is taken.

6. All new applications from V/V bodies on or after **01 Jan 2021** shall have to be in compliance with revised standards
7. No new accreditation without compliance to revised versions of ISO 14064- 1,2 shall be granted after **30 Apr 2021**.
8. Failure to comply with revised standards by **30 Nov 2021** shall result in suspension and/or withdrawal of NABCB accreditation.

Implementation for ISO 14064-3:

NABCB shall implement the revised version of ISO 14064- 3 as per the following transition plan:

1. All VVBs accredited/applicant under the NABCB GHG Validation/Verification Body Accreditation Scheme shall submit its plan for implementation of ISO 14064-3 to NABCB by **30 Sep 2021**. The implementation plan shall clearly indicate the VVB documents in which the revised requirements shall be appropriately addressed and the process of transition to be followed for complete implementation by **31 Oct 2021**.
2. All applicant/accredited V/V Bodies under the NABCB accreditation shall confirm to NABCB the revision of its documentation as well as complete implementation of the revised requirements of ISO 14064- 3 on or before **31 Oct 2021**.
3. NABCB shall consider ISO 14064-3 to carry out assessments from) **01 Nov 2021**. NABCB will also carry out assessment as per revised version of the standard(s) if the VVB is ready prior to this date.
4. NABCB accredited V/V bodies shall be assessed for compliance to ISO 14064-3 during their routine surveillance / reassessment due on or after **01 Nov 2021**.
5. NABCB applicant V/V bodies whose applications are under process as on **31 Oct 2021** shall have to demonstrate compliance to ISO 14064-3 during their office assessment when scheduled by NABCB. Applicant V/V bodies whose office assessment is carried out by NABCB before 31 Oct 2021 shall submit its revised documentation, and the compliance in such case shall be verified through a remote assessment before a decision on accreditation is taken.
6. All new applications from V/V bodies on or after **01 Nov 2021** shall have to be in compliance with revised standards
7. No new accreditation without compliance to ISO 14064-3 shall be granted after **01 Nov 2021**.
8. Failure to comply with revised standards by **31 Oct 2022** shall result in suspension and/or withdrawal of NABCB accreditation.