



## **NABCB Policy on Transition to ISO 50003:2021**

### **Introduction:**

NABCB operates its accreditation schemes based on international/other standards approved by NABCB Board. The certification bodies are expected to comply with relevant ISO/IEC standards and IAF / APAC documents that have been adopted by the Board as its criteria.

At present the Management Systems accreditation schemes are based on ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015, supplemented by sector specific ISO/IEC standards, as applicable.

**ISO 50003:2021** Energy Management Systems - Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of energy management systems was **published in May 2021**.

### **Reference: IAF MD 24: 2021-Transition Requirements for ISO 50003:2021**

All documents that provide information on transitions of normative documents will be mandatory documents to be followed by IAF MLA accreditation bodies and accredited CABs (Conformity Assessment Bodies), with the scope as detailed in this document. The document is mandatory for all IAF MLA Accreditation Bodies and accredited CABs.

**Note: Application date & issue date: 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

### **NABCB Policy:**

All IAF Accreditation Body Members are required to adopt ISO 50003: 2021 as part of the accreditation criteria for the ISO 50001:2018 certification schemes under the IAF MLA. IAF Accreditation Body Members are required to evaluate the operations and planning of accredited certification bodies to ensure that all **transitions are completed by 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023**

This policy shall apply to all accredited and applicant certification bodies seeking accreditation from NABCB for the provision of ISO 50001:2018 certification.

**This NABCB policy shall remain current until 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023.**

### **Implementation:**

Keeping in view the processing times for new applications, NABCB has approved the following policy for transition:

1. All CBs accredited to ISO/IEC 17021-1 for EnMS scheme shall submit a plan for transition by **15<sup>th</sup> April 2022**. The plan shall clearly indicate the date by which the CB would transition to ISO 50003:2021. The documented date in the CB's



plan shall ensure transition of clients at the latest, at the first recertification audit followed by the accredited CB's successful evaluation of transition by NABCB.

**Note:** *As requirements for audit time determination have changed in the ISO 50003:2021 edition, it is acceptable that the contract between the CAB and the client is revised to follow new requirements, at the latest, at the first recertification audit following the CAB's transition of accreditation (based on recertification timing, this may occur after the end of the transition period).*

2. NABCB is ready to carry out assessments against ISO 50003:2021 from **1<sup>st</sup> March 2022**.
3. Certification bodies whose applications are currently under process as per ISO 50003:2014, shall be required to complete the accreditation process by **31<sup>st</sup> May 2022**, and achieve accreditation from NABCB. No accreditation certificate as per ISO 50003:2014 shall be issued after 31<sup>st</sup> may 2022. Such CBs will be required to submit their plan for implementation of ISO 50003:2021 by **30<sup>th</sup> June 2022**, and will be required to undergo early first Surveillance within nine months i.e., latest by **28<sup>th</sup> February 2023**.
4. Alternatively, all initial accreditation applicants whose applications are pending as on the date of publication of this policy shall demonstrate conformity to ISO 50003:2021, in addition to ISO/IEC 17021-1 before a decision is taken for grant of accreditation. This demonstration of conformity shall be through a special assessment of 1 man-day (Off-site review or office assessment) or shall be evaluated during the normal assessment process (Document review and/or Office assessment as applicable depending on the progress of assessment for the concerned applicant).
5. Transition of accredited certification bodies shall normally be carried out during their routine Surveillance / Re-assessment activity, as applicable, with addition of 1 man-day for verifying compliance to ISO 50003:2021. It will be carried out either as part of normal Surveillance / Re-assessment process with addition of 1 man-day, or through a separate off-site document & competence review of 1 man-day. The accredited CB shall be required to submit specific details of changes made in its documentation.
6. Failure to demonstrate compliance to ISO 50003:2021 in the off-site document & competence review shall lead to non-conformity and conduct of an office assessment of 1 man-day. Assessment for transition of accredited certification bodies shall be completed by **28<sup>th</sup> February 2023**.



7. All applications (initial accreditation applicant or scope extension) from the date of publication of this Policy would be accepted as per ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 read with ISO 50003:2021.
  
8. Failure to comply with requirements of ISO 50003:2021 by **31<sup>st</sup> May 2023** shall lead to Suspension of accreditation by NABCB. The accreditation of CB may remain suspended for a maximum of 6 months. Failure to comply with ISO 50003:2021 by the end of this period shall result in withdrawal of accreditation.
  
9. Failure to comply with requirements of ISO 50003:2021 by **30<sup>th</sup> November 2023** shall lead to withdrawal of accreditation by NABCB.

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