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National News

NABCB Signs Agreement with SERI for Accreditation for R2 Standard

NABCB signs Agreement with SERI, USA to provide accreditation for R2 Standard Certification for Electronics Waste Recycling in accordance with R2 standard under Environment Management systems (EMS).

SERI, USA is a global scheme owner of R2 certification for Electronic Recycling Waste. SERI created the Electronics Sustainability Alliance as an opportunity to channel the power of businesses to make positive contributions toward electronics sustainability, with an end goal of removing all e-waste from the electronics industry.

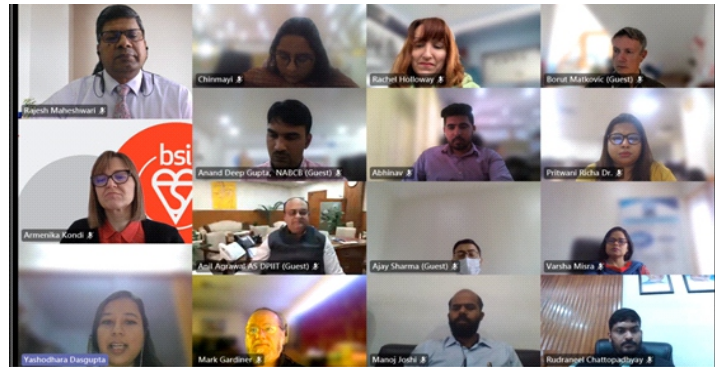
R2 Certification comprises recycling of E-wastes like Lithium Batteries, TFT Panels, Laptops, Computers, CPU, Mother Board, Memory Card, Hard Drive, TV Screens, Refrigerators, Air conditioners, LCD Panels etc.

This has opened up an opportunity for the Management System Certification Bodies to extend their accreditation scope by applying for NABCB accreditation to R2 Certification standard under EMS Scheme. Please refer the web link; "<https://sustainableelectronics.org/join-the-mission/>" for details on SERI Scheme owner.



UK-India EoDB Workshop on Market Surveillance, Rapid Alert Systems and Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)

Under the aegis of UK's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) in partnership with the Government of India for Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) Programme, QCI/NABCB and BSI organised a UK-India Workshop on “Developing Framework for Effective Market Surveillance, including Rapid Alert Systems (RAPEX) and Developing Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) System - Sharing UK Best Practices” in four sessions conducted on 24, 25 March, 1 April and 11 April 2022.



The objectives of the events was to facilitate development of a robust framework of Market Surveillance for India; to learn the way in which Regulatory Impact Assessments were developed and used in government & regulatory agencies in the UK and facilitate development and use of an RIA system in India and to understand the functioning of Rapid Alert Systems (RAPEX).

The welcome address was given by Shri Anil Agrawal (IPS), Additional Secretary, Deptt. for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT); Ms. Yashodhara Dasgupta, Senior Policy Adviser, UK Trade, Economics & Prosperity, British High Commission, New Delhi; and Mr. Rajesh Maheshwari, CEO, NABCB. The Virtual Workshop saw active participation from Government Ministries/ Departments, Regulators, Industry Bodies and Associations of Conformity Assessment Bodies. The workshop was conducted by UK based experts of BSI led by Mr. Mark Gardiner, BSI. Well diversified sessions included topics like Market Surveillance, Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) etc. were part of the workshop.

NABCB Celebrates World Accreditation Day 2022

The World Accreditation Day (WAD) is a global initiative established by the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and International Accreditation Forum (IAF), celebrated on 9th June every year to raise the awareness on the importance of accreditation amongst all relevant stakeholders. National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB) and National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL), the two constituent boards of the Quality Council of India (QCI) organized a physical event to commemorate the World Accreditation Day (WAD) on 9 June 2022 on the theme “Accreditation: Sustainability in Economic Growth and the Environment”

The inaugural session had presence of eminent dignitaries - Mr. Rajeev Kher, Former Commerce Secretary as Guest of Honour; Mr. Anil Agrawal, Additional Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade delivered Special Address.

Mr Adil Zainulbhai, Chairman, QCI and Dr R P Singh, Secretary General, QCI.

Dr. R P Singh in his welcome address highlighted importance of accreditation in improving the quality of infrastructure in India. He mentioned the regulators who are relying on NABCB & NABL accredited bodies for the various activities. He stressed that the community of conformity assessment bodies shall feeds India to become Atma Nirbhar Bharat .

Mr. Rajeev Kher, in his address stressed that the economic entities play an important role in sustainability of environment. He mentioned that if we want to expand our presence in international market for trade i.e. Japan, Australia, UAE, Canada etc, we need to produce an international quality product utilising high technology with high productivity, quality and proficiency . This could only be achieved by accreditation and it will pave way to produce desired quality of product.

Mr. Anil Agrawal in his address mentioned that in year 2021-22, India exported \$250 billion worth of services and merchandise exports of \$422 billion. Majority of these services went to developed countries and India could provide it only because of the acceptability of quality products in the global market. He stressed that to maintain India's presence in global market, we need to rely more on accredited conformity assessment bodies and these bodies must be competent to carry out the assessment in trustworthy and precise manner. He also mentioned that there is lot of improvement required in the accreditation system, however we can overcome those difficulties with our constant efforts.

Mr. Adil Zainulbhai in his Plenary Video message emphasized that accreditation plays a vital role in global trade and sustainability. He urged the Accreditation Conformity Assessment Bodies to ramp up the ease of doing business, global trade along with Atma Nirbhar Bharat with aim of sustainability. The Joint Statement by IAF and ILAC Chair was read by Mr. N. Venkateswaran, CEO, NABL. The dignitaries then unveiled the NABCB promotional video which is now available on QCI-

YouTube page. The inaugural session concluded with Vote of Thanks delivered by Mr. Rajesh Maheshwari CEO, NABCB wherein he thanked all the eminent speakers for taking out their precious time and physically addressing the gathering and all the participants for their presence.

The inaugural session was followed by technical session with the focus on Accreditation: Sustainability in Economic Growth and the Environment and was Chaired by Mr. N. Venkateswaran CEO, NABL. The eminent speakers included Dr. K. P. Tripathi, Coordinator (Accreditation), Education Div., Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR); Mr. K. Ranganathan, Sc. E & DH, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB); Ms. Ekta Agrawal, Assistant Director, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA); Mr. Arun Tripathi, Scientist G, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE). The deliberations by speakers, who are experts in their field, dwelled on topic related to role of accreditation in economic growth and environment in Indian context. More than 720 participants attended and 1000+ watched the event live.





NABCB participates in 7th Annual Nutrition India Summit

NABCB Officer Ms. Varsha Misra, Deputy Director participated in 7th Annual Nutrition India Summit organized from 28 - 29 April 2022. In her after presentation she discussed the Role of Conformity Assessment and Accreditation. The event was attended by industry leaders and more than 100+ participants from different organizations attended the summit.



International News

CEO, NABCB elected as Director on the Board of International Accreditation Forum

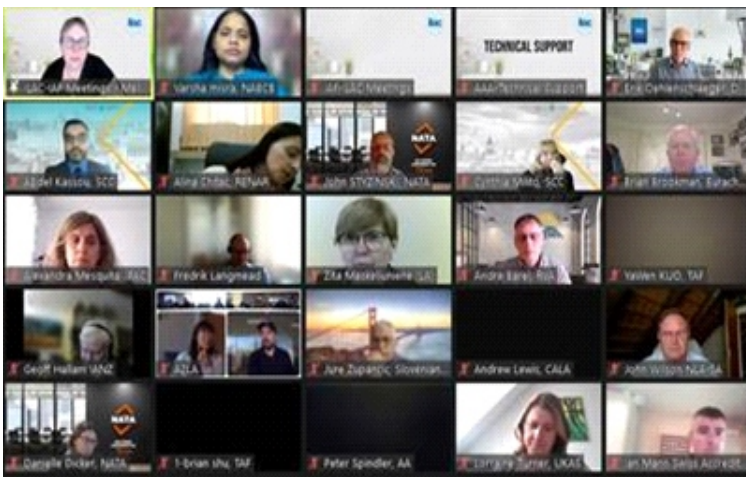
CEO-NABCB, Mr. Rajesh Maheshwari elected as Director on the Board of IAF to represent Low & Medium Income Economies. He also becomes a member on the IAF Executive Committee (EC), the Joint Executive Committee (JEC) of IAF and ILAC, and the Co-Chair of the

IAF Accreditation Body Information Exchange Group (ABIEG). It's a proud moment for QCI-NABCB as it continues to occupy position of leadership within International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC).



NABCB participates in IAF / ILAC Mid Term Meetings

Mr. Rajesh Maheshwari, CEO, NABCB; Mr. Ajay Sharma, Joint Director; Mr. Anand Deep Gupta, Joint Director; and Ms. Varsha Misra, Deputy Director, NABCB attended series of IAF-ILAC Mid Term meeting held from 12-25 April 2022. These meetings include ILAC Arrangement Committee, IAF Technical Committee, ILAC Accreditation Committee, ILAC Inspection Committee, IAF Technical Committee & IAF/ILAC Joint Development Support Committee.



NABCB Officers participates in APAC Meeting

NABCB officers participated in various meetings of Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (APAC) held in month of May 2022. The meeting was attended by Mr. Rajesh Maheshwari, CEO; Mr. Ajay Sharma, Joint Director; Mr. Anand Deep Gupta, Joint Director and Ms. Varsha Misra, Deputy Director.

APAC Technical Committee meeting was held virtually on 24th May 2022. During meeting, there were updates on development of systematic revisions on various ISO CASCO standard ISO/IEC 17020:2012. APAC Technical Committee also discussed the possible revision of ISO/IEC 17020:2012 that may start towards the end of 2022; and the impact of the new inspection technology (e.g. remote sensing, drones, robots, artificial intelligence, etc.) on how inspection bodies can demonstrate their ongoing conformity with ISO/IEC 17020, and how accreditation bodies can take this

new inspection technology into account during assessments. APAC Secretariat apprised the APAC Members about the recent approval of the 'Joint APAC-PTB Digital Transformation of Accreditation in Asia Pacific (ADAPT) project. APAC Technical Committee also apprised the APAC members about work in developing and publishing various ISO CASCO standards such as ISO/IEC TS 17021-13:2021, ISO/IEC TS 17021-14:2022 and ISO/IEC 17030:2021, ISO 22003-1:2022. Further members were updated on the upcoming systematic reviews of ISO/IEC 17024:2012 Conformity assessment — General requirements for bodies operating certification of persons; and ISO/IEC TS 17027:2014 Conformity assessment — Vocabulary related to competence of persons used for certification of persons.

APAC ASIA PACIFIC ACCREDITATION COOPERATION

Capacity Building Committee (CBC) Annual Meeting




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Communication Promotion Committee (CPC) Annual Meeting

Aparna Dhawan, APAC CPC Chair



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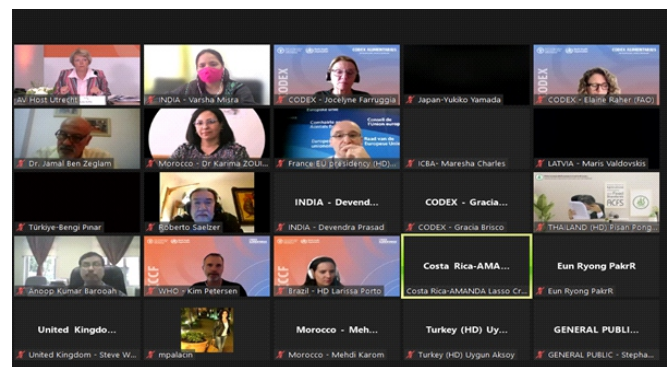


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NABCB Participates in 15th session of Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods CCCF15

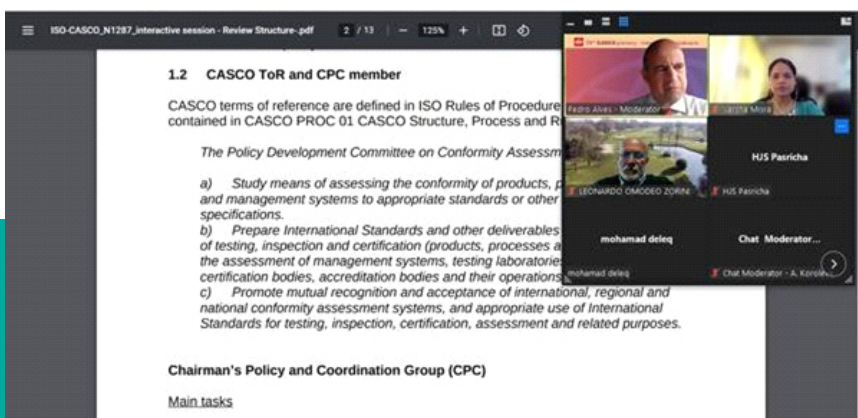
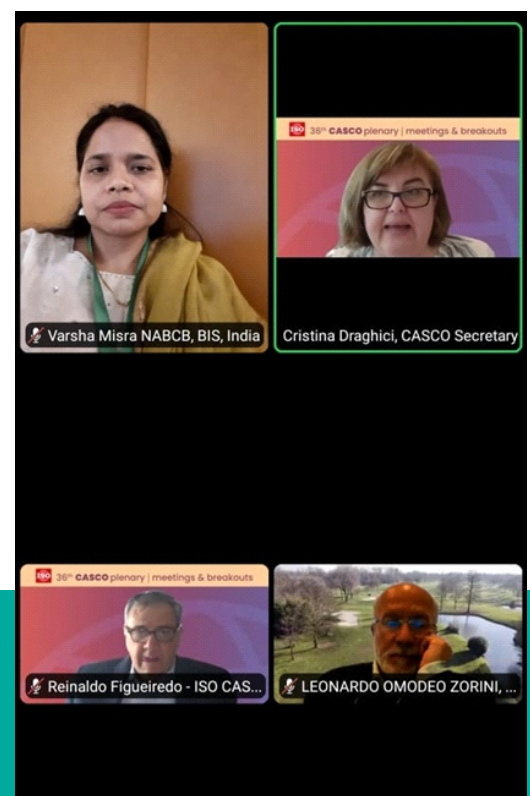
15th session of Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF15) was held virtually in various session in month of May 2022. The hosts of working groups were Canada, European Union, United States of America, Brazil, and Gracia Brisco Verna Carolissen from Codex Secretariat. The objectives of the meeting was to give an opportunity to Codex Members and Observers to consider suggestions for the prioritization of contaminant standards and make recommendations for consideration for the plenary session at CCCF15 (2022). During the meeting discussions were held on the follow-up actions to the outcomes of the Joint FAO/WHO expert committee on food additives (JECFA) evaluations and

FAO/WHO expert consultations. The proposals for prioritizing contaminants for evaluation by JECFA based on the priority list was presented in REP21/CF14, Appendix VIII and to make recommendations for consideration by the plenary at CCCF15. Another proposal for the review of methods of analysis for contaminants as listed in the Standard for General Methods of Analysis for Contaminants (CXS 228-2001) with a view to transfer them to the General Standard for Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CXS 234-1999) was also discussed. Ms. Varsha Misra from NABCB participated in the meeting. The meetings were attended by more than 400 participants from 80 countries.



NABCB participates in CASCO plenary meeting

36th CASCO plenary meeting was held from 26 to 28 April 2022 with the aim to discuss and seek inputs from the members on the review of the CASCO Structure and to have a follow up dialogue sessions on Regional Engagement with CASCO members. Mr. Rajesh Maheshwari, CEO and Ms. Varsha Misra, Deputy Director represented NABCB in the meeting.



NABCB participates in webinar on USDA Origin of Livestock Final Rule for Organic Dairy

A webinar on USDA Origin of Livestock Final Rule for Organic Dairy Published in Federal Register was organized by NOP. The webinar provided information on the U.S. Department of Agriculture published Origin of Livestock (OOL) final rule for organic dairy. This change to the USDA organic regulations will promote a fairer and more competitive market for all organic dairy producers, by making sure that certified USDA organic dairy products are produced to the same consistent standard. The webinar provided an overview of the changes the new rule make in to the USDA organic regulations and how they may impact organic farms and businesses. Ms. Varsha Misra, Deputy Director, NABCB attended the webinar.



Webinar on IAF CertSearch Portal

NABCB in partnership with the The Quality Trade, Australia organized a virtual webinar on IAF Certsearch Portal on 12 May 2022 to facilitate the accredited certification bodies for updating certificates issued to their clients on IAF CertSearch database. More than 50 participants attended the webinar. Mr. Nigel Johnston, CEO, Quality Trade, Australia who is responsible for managing this database as a whole on behalf of IAF, delivered a presentation explaining the know-how of IAF CertSearch and its modus operandi. He also briefed the participants about the various analytics present in the database, which helps certification bodies to know about the global scenario of management system certificates issued across the world. In the Q & A session, there were several queries asked by certification bodies on the mechanisms of updating the certificates data on the database.



IAF Database Principles - Webinar for APAC Members & their CB Representatives

Two webinars for Update on IAF Database model & Principles were organized consecutively on 4th March & 13 April 2022 for IAF and APAC members & their CB Representatives. The webinar was attended by more than 100 participants from different APAC economies. IAF Database management committee (DMC) chair Mr. Matt Gantley addressed APAC member and gave update on the proposed changes in IAF CertSearch Database. He also gave information about DMC members and representation. He mentioned that the



proposed changes are only for Management Systems only and there is no plan for including product certification. It was proposed that database will be free to use for the small organizations and there will be charges for big organization. There were questions from participants which were duly answered by the DMC committee members.

NABCB attends session for feedback on CASCO structure

The ISO/CASCO Committee's Chairperson Policy and Coordination Group (CPC) has initiated a review of the committee structure at ISO level. As a part of this outcome, a survey questionnaire was prepared by ISO Secretariat.

This survey was to be completed by one person from each CASCO member (i.e. BIS from India) based on the outcome of a consultation with their national mirror committees. NABCB, by virtue of being the member of BIS's mirror committee, attended the informative session organised by ISO Secretariat on 16 December 2021 to inform on the objective and process of the survey and to give the opportunity for members to ask questions. Mr. Abhinav Bajaj – Accreditation Officer, Mr. Anand Deep Gupta - Joint Director and Ms. Varsha Mishra – Deputy Director attended the session and submitted their responses on the Survey for collation to BIS.



NABCB Monthly Webinars

In order to increase awareness about various NABCB accreditation schemes, a series of monthly webinars were organized from April – June 2022 with an objective to increase awareness about various NABCB schemes and the benefits of using NABCB accredited conformity assessment bodies amongst Government organizations, Regulators, Industry, Conformity Assessments Bodies (CABs) and other stakeholders.

Road Traffic Safety Management Systems (RTSMS)

Road traffic safety (RTS) is a global concern. Approximately 1.3 million people die each year as a result of road traffic crashes around the world and this level is rising. As per the report on Road accidents in India 2020, there were 3,66,138 road accidents

To adopt a Safe System approach to RTS, NABCB organized a webinar on “Road Traffic Safety Management System Scheme (RTSMS)” for all its stakeholders that are important for road traffic safety like Certification Bodies, Regulators, Government organizations, Road and Traffic Authorities, Transport Educational & Training Organizations, Road users and any other professionals. This webinar was conducted on 20 April 2022. The programme covered the insights into the importance of Road Traffic Safety scheme, key requirements of ISO/IEC 17021-1 and ISO 39001 standards. The speakers for the webinars were Mr. Rajesh Maheshwari CEO, NABCB ; Mr. Abhay Pathak, NABCB Assessor; Ms. Poonam Gupta, Assistant Director and Ms. Shivani Mishra, Accreditation officer from NABCB. Mr. Abhay Pathak presented the worldwide data on road accidents. The scenario of road accidents in India was focused in detail. He highlighted that it is indeed a matter of great concern as the road traffic injuries cause economic losses to individuals, their families, and to nations as a whole. The participants were given brief on the key requirements of ISO 39001 standard. The need of RTSMS scheme, NABCB accreditation criteria, Procedure requirements, overview of the key requirements of ISO/IEC 17021-1 standard was explained by Ms. Poonam Gupta Assistant Director and Ms. Shivani Mishra, Accreditation officer from NABCB. The webinar was attended by 225+ participants



Personnel Certification Scheme

NABCB and NBQP jointly conducted a webinar on Personnel Certification Scheme and NABCB Accreditation. Personnel Certification has become an important element of verifying the competence of an increasingly mobile and global workforce. Webinar intended to highlight the need of personnel certification in India. The purpose of the programme was to give insights about personal certification schemes, key requirements of the standard ISO/IEC 17024 and to explain the process of NABCB Accreditation for prospective Personnel Certification Bodies (PrCB) along with stakeholder perspective on Personnel Certification. The speakers for the webinars



were Mr. S Krishnamurthy NABCB Assessor; Ms. Varsha Mishra Deputy Director, NABCB; representatives from PrCBs like Mr. Yogesh Kothari, Academic Director, Indian Institute of Paramedical Sciences; Mr. V. Manoharan, Chief Controller of Exam, National Certification Board (NCB), Indian Society for, Non-destructive Testing (ISNT) and Mr. R. Giridharan, Alsta Institute of Welding Technology Pvt. Ltd. (AIWT). The webinar had presence of industry experts i.e. Mr. Pradeep Sinha and Mr. Javed Afaque. The webinar received an overwhelming response of 270+ participants.

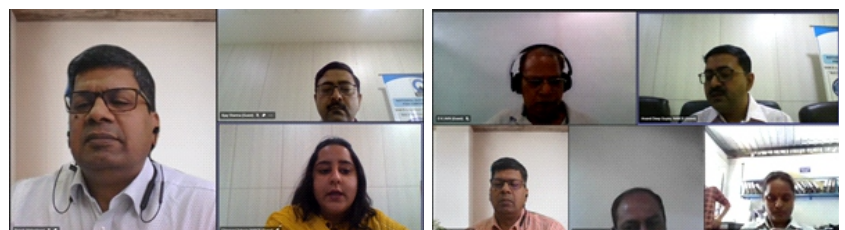
Food Safety Management system

NABCB conducted a Webinar on Standard ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 with a focus on ISO/TS 22003:2013 - Food Safety Management Systems on 27 June 2022. The objective was to sensitize the Food Industry, Government / Regulators (Central / State), Conformity Assessment Bodies and other stakeholders about NABCB accreditation programs and its benefits of using NABCB accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies. The webinar provided insights on the requirements of ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 & ISO/TS 22003:2013 w.r.t. establishing Food Safety Management System including requirements of IAF MD16:2015: "Application of ISO/IEC 17011 for the Accreditation of Food Safety Management Systems (FSMS) Certification Bodies". The speakers for the webinars were Mr. Anand Deep Gupta, Joint Director and Mr. Abhinav Bajaj, Accreditation Officer, NABCB. The participants were briefed on the requirements of ISO/TS 22003:2013 including the classification of categories and competence requirements & its evaluation methodologies for CB auditors. The webinar was attended by 160+ participants, which comprised overseas participation from various countries e.g Bhutan, South Africa, UAE, Namibia, Zimbabwe & Zambia etc.



Inspection Bodies Scheme

NABCB organized monthly webinars to promote the Inspection Bodies accreditation scheme from April- June 2022. NABCB received an overwhelming response and more than 200 participants attended, including from countries like Jordan, Tunisia, Philippines, Nepal, Kenya, Philippines, Bhutan etc. The webinar covered a host of topics ranging from details of NABCB accreditation and its benefits, NABCB accreditation process and key requirements of ISO/IEC 17020:2012 standard. The speakers for the webinars were Mr Ajay Sharma, Joint Director, Mr. Anand Deep Gupta, Joint Director and Ms. Chinmayi Salooja, Accreditation officer from NABCB



Glimpse of WAD 2022 Celebration



WAD2022 Social Media

To celebrate 15th anniversary of World Accreditation Day (WAD) and to increase awareness about the quality and accreditation among the stakeholders and general public, NABCB-QCI organized a quiz on the theme of WAD'22 “Accreditation – Sustainability in the Economic Growth and the Environment”. Questions related to quality and sustainable development goals (SDGs) were asked during the quiz. The event turned out to be a great success with almost 1.16 lakh impressions were garnered through the campaign across different social media platforms of QCI. The winners of the competition were rewarded with gift vouchers. Have a look at the glimpse of quiz competition!





Respected Team NABCB,

My heartfelt congratulations to you for such an engaging quiz activity based on the sustainable development goals. As I could perceive, all the eyes were glued to your web page to jump in with the correct answer. I have seen a number of quiz sessions but frankly this was quite interesting. More over the prizes it is the joy of participating that stitched all the audience together. Many of us also became friends off-screen.

Keep up the good work. Suggestions from my side would be to include a variety of themes related to accreditation, certification and certification bodies which will grow interest among the mass for quality improvement as well as reach out to the periphery of the society. With Rajesh sir leading IAF and associations, NABCB is on a great voyage!

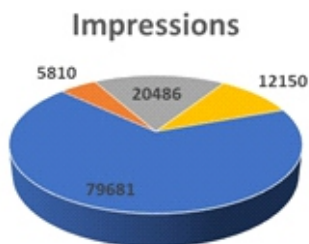
I would like to inform you that I am really overwhelmed and full of gratitude for getting this reward. But more than the reward these kinds of quizzes, I think encourage people and create awareness among the among them regarding the different aspects of the society.

I wish your team the very best and also look forward to participate in more such quizzes in the future.

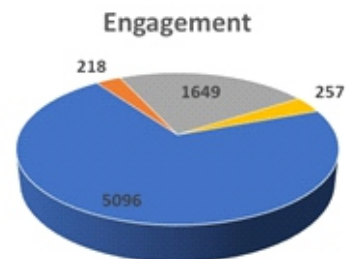
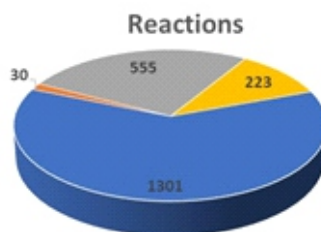
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Feedback on WAD QUIZ



WAD 2022 Statistical Analysis



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NABCB accreditation at a Glance

New Accreditations

During the quarter Apr – Jun 2022, NABCB has granted accreditations in Inspection (03), Product Certification (01), & Personnel Certification (01) as follows:

- SAFESS Quality Management Pvt. Ltd. for Inspection as per ISO/IEC 17020 since April 2022
- IRC Engineering Services India Pvt. Ltd. (TPI Division) for Inspection as per ISO/IEC 17020 since April 2022
- BSCIC Certifications Pvt. Ltd. for Inspection as per ISO/IEC 17020 since June 2022
- Equalitas Systemcert Pvt. Ltd. for Product Certification as per ISO/IEC 17065 since June 2022
- BPCL QA Certification Body for Personnel Certification as per ISO/IEC 17024 since June 2022

New Applications

During the quarter Apr - Jun 2022, NABCB has received applications for NABCB accreditation in Personnel Certification (01) and Product Certification (01) as follows:

- RITES Ltd. for Product Certification as per ISO/IEC 17065
- Institute of Nutrition and Fitness Sciences for Personnel Certification as per ISO/IEC 17024

NABCB Accreditations (as on 30 June 2022)

| Scheme | Accreditations | Applications |
|---|----------------|--------------|
| Quality Management Systems (QMS) | 41 | 09 |
| Environmental Management Systems (EMS) | 15 | 05 |
| Inspection Bodies (IB) | 88 | 16 |
| Food Safety Management Systems (FSMS) | 20 | 07 |
| Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems (OHSMS) | 11 | 05 |
| Product Certification (PCB) | 26 | 04 |
| Information Security Management Systems (ISMS) | 08 | 01 |
| Energy Management Systems (EnMS) | 05 | 01 |
| Information Technology Service Management Systems (ITSMS) | 02 | 01 |
| Personnel Certification (PrCB) | 08 | 02 |
| Road Traffic Safety Management Systems (RTSMS) | - | - |
| Trustworthy Digital Repositories Management Systems (TDRMS) | 01 | - |
| Greenhouse Gases | 05 | 01 |
| Business Continuity Management Systems (BCMS) | 01 | 01 |
| Anti-Bribery Management Systems (ABMS) | - | 01 |
| Medical Devices QMS (MDQMS) | 14 | 04 |