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0.0 Foreword:

The Government of India and the Indian Industry came together to establish the accreditation system in response to the need of the industry and the certification bodies of Quality Management Systems (QMS), Environmental Management Systems (EMS) and other Management Systems, who were largely dependent on the accreditation system of Europe and US.

A Council with representation from Government, Industry, Certification Bodies, Non Government Organizations (NGOs), etc. was formed in 1997 and named as the **Quality Council of India**. This Council was entrusted with the task of establishing the national accreditation system in India. A **National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies** was established in the year 2000 to implement the accreditation of the Certification Bodies.

The criteria for Product certification accreditation approved by the Board is based on ISO/IEC 17065: 2012 (here in after referred to as ISO/ IEC 17065) which has replaced ISO Guide 65. The criteria is based on the international standard to facilitate harmonization of certification process in India and signing of mutual/multilateral agreements with other countries, regional and international forums.

1.0 Scope :

This document specifies the requirements that a third party body operating a Product Certification Programme shall meet if it is to be recognized by the Board as competent and reliable in the operation of Product Certification.

2.0 Criteria

The Certification Bodies seeking accreditation for Product Certification shall comply with the requirements specified in ISO/IEC 17065:2012 “Requirement for bodies certifying product, processes and services.”

A copy of the ISO/IEC 17065 can be obtained from the Bureau of Indian Standards or from ISO Secretariat.

3.0 Guidance on the Requirements of ISO/IEC 17065:2012

The Board shall adopt any mandatory documents produced by the APAC or IAF relating to ISO/IEC 17065:2012. If any clarifications are required, the same will be issued by the Board on case to case basis.

4.0 Scope of Accreditation

The Board has adopted the scopes of accreditation based on the IAF Informative Document for QMS and EMS Scopes of Accreditation (IAF ID 1).

The certification body shall maintain a list of all product standards, documents and schemes within the IAF scope being part of the accredited scope. This list shall be maintained under document control. NABCB shall be included on the controlled distribution.



5.0 Time of the Audit undertaken by the Product Certification Body

The Product certification body shall have procedures to determine the mandays required for audit /evaluation of premises of the applicant/certified organization, if applicable in the Scheme.

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| 2014-11-10 | CEO | 0.0 Foreword – 3 rd Para – “Initial set of” deleted – Guide 65:1996 replaced with 17065:2012 – Guide replaced with Standard 2.0 Criteria – 1 st Para – Guide 65:1996 replaced with 17065:2012 2 nd para – Reference to ISO 17067:2013 for Types of Schemes 3 rd para – Guide 65 and 67 replaced with 17065 & 17067 3.0 Guidance on the Requirement of ISO/IEC 17065 - Guide 65 replaced to 17065 in heading. - 1 st part deleted. 2 nd Para – Word “further” and “beyond the IAF guidance document available” deleted 4.0 Scope of Accreditation – Changed from ICS to IAF ID 1 |
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