

**NABCB POLICY FOR RECOGNITION OF STANDARDS
UNDER ACCREDITATION SCHEMES FOR CONFORMITY
ASSESSMENT BODIES**

0. This document describes the NABCB policy for recognition of standards for certification which will be acceptable for its accreditation programmes.
1. NABCB would essentially base its accreditation on international and national standards
2. Any industry specific standards that have been endorsed by the IAF Membership (presently Global GAP has an MoU with IAF) and IAF members provide accreditation based on Global GAP standards)
3. NABCB would also consider standards that are used as basis for accreditation by other IAF MLA signatories
4. For other standards which may be used in accreditation / certification / inspection. NABCB shall consider standards which meet the following criteria:
 - a) The standard is issued by a legal entity.
 - b) The standard has been developed in consultation with technically competent committee and stake holders of the standard and an effective mechanism exists for its periodic review/revision.
 - c) The standard shall have creditability and acceptance in industry and/or with appropriate regulatory authorities, if applicable
 - d) The standard shall be publicly available for implementation by the industry.
 - e) For any systems / process standards, the standard shall not allow labelling and marking of products in a manner which implies that they meet a particular product standard or specification, unless there are appropriate measures to ensure product compliance
 - f) The standard shall be auditable under the provisions of ISO 17021 and ISO 19011 in case of systems certification.
5. There could be inspections / product certifications against client's standards. For inspection NABCB assessment team would judge the acceptability of standard based on contract with the client.
6. If it is not possible to establish acceptability of the standard on the basis of the policy outlined above for product certification then the specific standard should be accepted only after a reference to the Board and its approval.