

Accreditation Criteria

Environment Management System

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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 Management Systems (QMS, 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 (NGO), etc. was formed and named as Quality Council of India. This Council was entrusted to establish the accreditation system in India. A National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies was established to implement the accreditation of the Certification Bodies.

The initial set of criteria for EMS accreditation approved by the Board is as per ISO/IEC Guide 66:1999(here in after referred to as Guide 66) The Guide 66 has been adopted to facilitate harmonization of accreditation activities of the Board and signing of mutual/multilateral agreements with other countries, regional and international forums. Consequent upon the publication of ISO/IEC 17021:2006 replacing ISO/IEC Guide 66:1999 accreditation based on ISO/IEC Guide 66 would be valid upto 15 September 2008. After this date the criteria would be ISO/IEC 17021 only.

1.0 Scope :

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

2.0 Criteria

The Certification Bodies seeking accreditation for Environmental Management System Certification shall comply to the requirements specified in ISO/IEC Guide 66:1999, General requirement for bodies operating assessment and certification/registration of environmental management systems or or ISO/IEC 17021, "Conformity assessment – Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems

A copy of the ISO/IEC Guide 66 can be obtained from the Bureau of Indian Standard or from ISO Secretariat.

3.0 Guidance on the Requirements of ISO/IEC Guide 66 and ISO/IEC 17021

The Board has adopted the IAF Guidance on the Application of ISO/IEC Guide 66 as a criteria for accreditation.

If any further clarification/guidance beyond the IAF guidance document available is required, the same will be considered by the Board and issued on case to case basis.

A copy of the IAF Guidance on application of ISO/IEC Guide 66 is enclosed with the application package as BCB-105G.

Till such time IAF publishes a guidance to ISO/IEC 17021, the Board would use the annexes to the IAF Guidance to ISO/IEC Guide 66 as applicable criteria (reproduced as annexes to BCB-105G)

4.0 Scope of Accreditation

The Board has adopted the scope of accreditation based on the Statistical Nomenclature of Economic Activities. The same are enclosed at "Annexure 1".

5.0 Certification Body (CB) Competence

5.1 Accreditation by NABCB signifies that the certification body is competent to offer ISO 14001 certification in specific technical areas. The CB would be expected to identify the technical areas for which it seeks accreditation and clearly demonstrate that it has the competence to offer certification in these areas.

The CB must have carried out a competence analysis in the technical areas for which it seeks accreditation in accordance with the criteria document BCB 105G / ISO/IEC 17021

5.2 The CB shall have a procedure for initial qualification and subsequent monitoring of its auditors and experts based on ISO 19011. The CB shall establish procedures for qualifying an auditor / expert for a specific technical area.

6.0 Time of the Audits undertaken by the Certification Body

The IAF Guidance document at BCB-105G (annex to IAF Guidance) provides the basis for the auditing time required for an EMS audit to be effectively carried out on any organization. The certification body shall have procedure for determining the appropriate auditor-days required to carry out an effective audit. The certification body procedure shall take in to account the factors as listed in the guidance documents. The procedure shall also include the policies for estimation of audit duration for multisite organizations and transfer of certificates, as needed

Annexure 1**List of Scopes of accreditation**

The list of scope of accreditation is based on the statistical nomenclature for economic activities (NACE Rev. 1) 1994, published by the commission of European Communities (official Journal L083 1993).

No.	Description	NACE Code
01	Agriculture and fishing	A,B
02	Mining and Quarrying	C
03	Food products, beverages & tobacco	DA
04	Textiles and textile products	DB
05.a	Leather & Leather products	DC minus 19.1
05.b	Tanning & Dressing of Leather	DC 19.1
06	Wood and wood products	DD
07	Pulp, paper and paper products	DE 21
08	Publishing Companies	DE 22.1
09	Printing companies	DE 22.2,3
10	Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products	DF 23.1,2
11	Nuclear fuel	DF 23.3
12	Chemicals, chemical products and fibres	DG minus 24.4
13	Pharmaceuticals	DG 24.4
14	Rubber and plastic products	DH
15	Non-metallic mineral products	DI minus 26.5.6
16	Concrete, cement, lime, plaster etc.	DI 26.5.6
17	Basic metals and fabricated metal products	DJ
18	Machinery and equipment	DK
19	Electrical and optical equipment	DL
20	Shipbuilding	DM 35.1
21	Aerospace	DM 35.3
22	Other transport equipment	DM 34, 35.2,4,5
23	Manufacturing not elsewhere classified	DN 36
24	Recycling	DN 37
25	Electricity supply	E 40.1
26	Gas supply	E 40.2
27	Water supply	E 41, 40.3
28	Construction	F
29	Wholesale & retail trade; Repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles and personal and household goods	G
30	Hotels and Restaurant	H
31	Transport, storage and communication	I
32	Financial intermediation; real estate; renting	J, K70, K71
33	Information technology	K 72
34	Engineering services	K73, 74.2
35	Other services	K74 minus K 74.2
36	Public Administration	L
37	Education	M
38	Health and social work	N
39	Other social services	O

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