

## Accreditation Criteria

### Product Certification

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# National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies

### 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 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 to implement the accreditation of the Certification Bodies.

The initial set of criteria for Product certification accreditation approved by the Board is based on ISO/IEC Guide 65:1996 (here in after referred to as Guide 65). The criteria is based on the Guide 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 Guide 65:1996, "General requirement for bodies operating product certification systems".

The product certification system adopted by the Certification Body should generally cover initial factory evaluation and surveillance and conform to any of Types 2 to 5 specified in ISO/IEC Guide 67 'Conformity assessment – Fundamentals of product certification'. In case any other system is sought to be covered under accreditation, it would be considered by the Board on a case to case basis.

A copy of the ISO/IEC Guides 65 and 67 can be obtained from the Bureau of Indian Standards or from ISO Secretariat.

### 3.0 Guidance on the Requirements of ISO/IEC Guide 65

The Board has adopted the IAF Guidance on application of ISO/IEC Guide 65 as the criteria document of NABCB.

If any further clarifications beyond the IAF guidance documents available are required, the same will be issued by the Board on case to case basis.

A copy of the IAF Guidance on application of ISO/IEC Guide 65 is enclosed with the application package as BCB-120G.

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## 4.0 Scope of Accreditation

The Board has adopted the scope of accreditation based on the International Classification of Standards (ICS) as given in the PAC Guidance documents. The same are given at Annex 1.

The certification body shall maintain a list of all products, standards documents and schemes being part of the accredited scope. This list shall be maintained under document control. NABCB shall be included on the controlled distribution. There may also be examples where ICS codes do not cover the products, in which case the product standard or normative document shall be listed separately.

Note: Although complete list of ICS has been given in Annex 1, not all sectors may be relevant to product certification.

## 5.0 Time of the Assessments undertaken by the Product Certification Body

The Product certification body shall have procedures to determine the mandays required for assessment/evaluation of premises of the applicant/certified organization.

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## ANNEX 1

### International Classification of Standards

01	Generalities. Terminology. Standardization. Documentation
03	Services. Company organization, management and quality. Administration. Transport. Sociology
07	Mathematics. Natural Sciences
11	Health care technology
13	Environment. Health protection. Safety
17	Metrology and measurement. Physical phenomena
19	Testing - Analytical chemistry, see 71.040
21	Mechanical systems and components for general use
23	Fluid systems and components for general use - Measurement of fluid flow, see 17.120
25	Manufacturing engineering
27	Energy and heat transfer engineering
29	Electrical engineering
31	Electronics
33	Telecommunications. Audio and video engineering
35	Information technology. Office machines
37	Image technology
39	Precision mechanics. Jewellery
43	Road vehicles engineering
45	Railway engineering
47	Shipbuilding and marine structures
49	Aircraft and space vehicle engineering
53	Materials handling equipment
55	Packaging and distribution of goods
59	Textile and leather technology
61	Clothing industry
65	Agriculture
67	Food technology
71	Chemical technology
73	Mining and minerals
75	Petroleum and related technologies
77	Metallurgy
79	Wood technology
81	Glass and ceramics industries
83	Rubber and plastic industries
85	Paper technology
87	Paint and colour industries
91	Construction materials and building
93	Civil engineering
95	Military engineering
97	Domestic and commercial equipment. Entertainment. Sports

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