



## **NABCB Policy on Transition to ISO/IEC 50003: 2014**

### **Introduction:**

NABCB operates its accreditation schemes based on international / other standards approved by NABCB Board. The certification bodies are expected to comply with relevant ISO/IEC documents / standards and IAF documents that have been adopted by the Board as its criteria.

At present the QMS, EMS, FSMS, OHSMS and ISMS accreditation programmes are based on ISO/IEC 17021:2011, supplemented by sector specific ISO standards, wherever available.

**ISO/IEC 50003:2014** Energy management systems — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of energy management systems was published on **14 October 2014**.

### **Reference: IAF Resolution 2014–13 –Transition Period for ISO/IEC 50003 -**

The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that the period for the transition of Energy Management System Accreditation to ISO/IEC 50003: 2014 be 36 months from the date of publication.

*Note:* The date of publication was **14 October 2014**.

### **Policy:**

All IAF Accreditation Body Members are required to adopt ISO/IEC 50003: 2014 as part of the accreditation criteria for their ISO/IEC 50001 certification schemes under the IAF MLA. IAF Accreditation Body Members are required to evaluate the operations and planning of accredited bodies to ensure that full implementation will be in place before **14 October 2017**.

This policy shall apply to all accredited and applicant bodies seeking accreditation by NABCB for the provision of EnMS certification.

This policy shall remain current until **30 October 2017**.

### **Implementation:**

Keeping in view the processing times for new applications, NABCB Board has approved the following policy for transition;

1. All CBs accredited/applicants to ISO/IEC 17021:2011 for EnMS scheme shall submit a plan for transition by **30 April 2015**. The plan shall clearly indicate the date by which the CB would transit to ISO/IEC 50003:2014.
2. NABCB would be ready to carry out assessments against ISO/IEC 50003:2014 from **1 May 2015**.

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3. All applicants whose applications are pending as on **1 May 2015** shall have to demonstrate conformity to ISO/IEC 50003:2014, in addition to ISO/IEC 17021:2011 before a recommendation is made to the accreditation committee for grant of accreditation. This demonstration of conformity may be through a special assessment and would depend on the level of compliance to ISO/IEC 50003:2014 demonstrated during the normal assessment process.
4. All applications after **1 May 2015** would be accepted as per ISO/IEC 17021-2011 read with ISO/IEC 50003:2014.
5. No accreditation without compliance to ISO/IEC 50003:2014 would be granted after **30 June 2017**.
6. All assessments, after **1 November 2015**, of accredited / applicant CBs shall be against ISO/IEC 50003:2014. Any deviation from ISO/IEC 50003:2014 shall be given as observation and not as non-conformities till **30 April 2016**.
7. All observations against ISO/IEC 50003:2014 raised during the assessments, which have not been addressed by the CB, would be reviewed and classified as critical / major / minor NCs and would be communicated to the CBs for necessary action by **1 May 2016**.
8. If satisfactory evidence of conformance to ISO/IEC 50003:2014 is not available in the records by **30 April 2017**, then accreditation of the CB shall be suspended for a maximum of 6 months. Failure to comply with ISO/IEC 50003:2014 by the end of this period may result in withdrawal of accreditation.