



## National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB)

### NABCB Transition Policy for ISO/IEC 17065 - 2012 For Applicant / Accredited Product Certification Bodies

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 / IAF documents that have been adopted by the Board as its criteria.

Accreditation of Product Certification Bodies (PCBs) was based on ISO/IEC Guide 65:1996 till 14 September 2012. ISO/IEC Guide 65:1996 has been revised as ISO/IEC 17065 – 2012 wef 15 Sept 2012 to include additional requirements and align its structure with ISO/IEC 17021:2011.

The International Accreditation Forum (IAF) has adopted the following resolution:

**“IAF Resolution 2012–09 – (Agenda Item 7) Transition Period for ISO/IEC 17065 -**  
The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that the transition period for ISO/IEC17065:2012 be three years from the date of publication.

Note: The date of publication was 15 September 2012.”

According to the above, accreditation to ISO/IEC Guide 65:1996 would not be valid after 15 September 2015.

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

Date	Plan of Action
15 September 2013 onwards	<p>Applications on or after 15 September 2013 for NABCB Accreditation shall only be accepted in accordance with ISO/IEC 17065:2012.</p> <p>Applications for NABCB Accreditation from Product Certification Bodies in accordance with ISO/IEC Guide 65:1996 (<i>i.e. old version of standard</i>) shall not be accepted after 14 Sept 2013.</p> <p>All assessments (Initial/ Surveillance/Re-assessment) of Applicants and NABCB Accredited Product Certification Bodies shall be conducted in accordance with ISO/IEC 17065:2012 from 15 September 2013 onwards as per their normal schedules.</p>
15 Mar 2014	<p>Product Certification Bodies whose applications were accepted as per ISO/IEC Guide 65: 1996 (<i>i.e. old version of standard</i>) and pending as on 15 Sept 2013 shall be granted accreditation. as per old version upto 14 Mar</p>



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	<p>2014.</p> <p>Any application pending on 15 Mar 2014 shall have to demonstrate compliance to ISO/IEC 17065:2012 to be accredited after 15 Mar 2014.</p> <p>No accreditation shall be granted as per ISO/IEC Guide 65:1996 beyond 15 Mar 2014.</p>
15 Mar 2015	<p>Product Certification Bodies granted accreditation as per ISO/IEC Guide 65:1996 before 15 Mar 2014 shall undergo Surveillance assessment to demonstrate their compliance to ISO/IEC 17065:2012 as per their normal schedules and complete the process of Surveillance assessment on or before 15 Mar 2015.</p> <p>NABCB Accredited Product Certification Bodies shall be fully compliant with the requirements of the standard ISO/IEC 17065:2012 on 15 Mar 2015.</p>
Until 14 September 2015	<p>Any exception to the above policy may be granted on a specific request from a Product Certification Body which would be considered on merit. However, in line with IAF's Resolution, such a Product Certification Body shall have to demonstrate compliance to ISO/IEC 17065:2012 by 14 September 2015.</p> <p>The accreditation of any Product Certification Body which fails to demonstrate compliance to ISO/IEC 17065:2012 by 14 September 2015 shall be placed under suspension until it demonstrates compliance to ISO/IEC 17065:2012. The suspension normally does not exceed 6 months as per NABCB procedures.</p>