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**SNAS POLICY ON TRANSITION PERIOD OF CAB
ACCREDITATION FOR PURPOSES OF
NOTIFICATION OR AUTHORIZATION**

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**PURPOSE:**

This prescription delineates SNAS policy on transition period of CAB accreditation for purposes of notification or authorization.

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1 SNAS POLICY ON TRANSITION PERIOD OF CAB ACCREDITATION FOR PURPOSES OF NOTIFICATION OR AUTHORIZATION

SNAS policy and attitude to CAB accreditation for purposes of notification or authorization are based on:

- EP and C Regulation No. 765/2008, where are stipulated requirements for accreditation and surveillance over market in connection with introducing of products on the market;
- EP and C Decision No. 768/2008 and EP and C Regulation No. 765/2008 where are formalized duties of EA members and where is stressed the need of close cooperation between EA, EC, accreditation bodies and national bodies;
- horizontal requirements for CAB accreditation for purposes of notification defined in the mandatory Directive EA-2/17, which should be compulsorily applied by all EA MLA signatories to assessment of CABs seeking notification;
- the fact that Directives clearly stipulate which module (or their variant) should be applied to a specific product or specific product category;
- specified requirement in relevant homogenized Community legislation (e. g. sector directives of EC) and requirements set on national level;
- relevant homogenized Standards for CAB (CAB Standards) and related documents issued by EA, ILAC and IAF.

EA General Assembly in Luxemburg in May 2009 by the Resolution EA 2009(23)20 approved implementation phase for Directive EA-2/17 as follows:

“All member accreditation bodies have to apply EA-2/17 for accreditation of CAB or CAB applicant for purposes of notification from January 1, 2010 and until January 1, 2012 all accredited notified bodies should be assessed against EA-2/17.”

2 PREPARATION OF SNAS TO ACCREDITATION OF CAB FOR PURPOSES OF NOTIFICATION OR ACCREDITATION

In order to extend SNAS performance to this kind of accreditation, SNAS adopted a strategy consisting of following steps:

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2.1 SNAS Management Review

SNAS carried out an analysis of its current proficiency, assessed appropriateness of performance extension to accreditation of CAB for purposes of notification or authorization and evaluated its source potentials in this field;

2.2 EA Database of Contacts for European Directives

SNAS proposed, based on EA requirement, its staff members as contact persons for 21 Directives of New Access and took responsibility for the Directive 2000/14/EC (Annex 1). Contact persons are obliged to take part in EA technical work in this Directive.

2.3 Communication with National Regulators

In transition period, important prerequisite is to create, maintain and strengthen liaisons between SNAS and national regulators for purposes of effective and fruitful cooperation. Proposed liaisons are:

- with ÚNMS SR (SR representative as an EU member state and notifying authority in SR) through sessions of ÚNMS SR Sector Coordination Group and sessions of the Slovak Accreditation Council;
- with representatives of Ministries and relevant national authorities responsible for individual Directives, representatives of notified bodies, representatives of economy sector through sessions of the Slovak Accreditation Council.

2.4 Assessment and Use of Expertise

When extending its performance SNAS will rely on assessment and expertise from external sources:

- Slovak Accreditation Council;
- Advisory Committee to Slovak Accreditation Council for purposes of notification or authorization, which as a national coordination point between public bodies and SNAS:
 - will inform public bodies on technical base of accreditation body for assessment of CABs;
 - will be a coordination forum between national bodies for exchange of experiences of assessment, notification and authorization of bodies;
 - will define overall administrative and national requirements to be met by notified bodies;
- Technical Committee for Accreditation of Notified Bodies that will solve technical problems on sector level;
- SNAS Working Groups which will be created depending on current needs in individual fields of directives.

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2.5 Application Documents

Based on assessment and use of expertise from external sources and requirements of interested parties, SNAS implements, into its performance, horizontal requirements for accreditation of CABS for purposes of notification or authorization and considers need of further application documents and their implementation into SNAS performance.

2.6 Cooperation with another Accreditation Bodies

SNAS, if necessary, will consult the need of implementation of the Directive EA 2/17 directly with another accreditation bodies or in EA international committees and working groups where SNAS has its representatives.

2.7 Training of Staff members

SNAS will train its internal staff members based on exchange of experience with other accreditation bodies, requirements of relevant expertise from external sources and approved internal documents in relevant field.

2.8 Selection and Training of Assessors

In compliance with internal prescriptions, SNAS has to train satisfactory number of proficient assessors in order to ensure convenient performance of assessment in this field.

2.9 Assessment of Preparedness

To assess SNAS preparedness to CAB accreditation for purposes of notification or authorization it will be used expertises from external sources – SAR or relevant technical committee or ad hoc created working groups which will assess SNAS documentation, proficiency of assessors including received trainings and trainings of SNAS staff members in relevant department/section.

2.10 Information Duty

SNAS will publish in 2010 through its information system its preparedness to perform CAB accreditation for purposes of notification or authorization and will provide description of accreditation requirements in this field.

3 ANNEXES

Annex 1: List of SNAS contact persons for individual EA directives

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**4 RELATED DOCUMENTS**

EP and C Regulation No. 765/2008

EP and C Resolution No. 768/2008

EA 2/17 EA Directive on Horizontal Requirements for Accreditation of CAB for Purposes of Notification

ISO/IEC 17011 General Requirements for Accreditation Bodies Accrediting CABs

SNAS Quality Manual

IP-13 Horizontal Requirements for Accreditation of CAB for purposes of notification

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No.	Directive number	Directive	Nominated SNAS contact person for directive		SNAS Convener for directive
1.	87/404/EEC	Simple Pressure Vessels	Ivan Kováčik	kovacik@snas.gov.sk	-
2.	88/378/EEC	Safety of toys	Tibor Czocher	czocher@snas.gov.sk	-
3.	89/106/EEC	Construction products	Renáta Kuťková	kutkova@snas.gov.sk	-
4.	89/686/EEC	Personal protective equipment (PPE)	Renáta Kuťková	kutkova@snas.gov.sk	-
5.	90/384/EEC	Non-automatic weighing instruments	Karol Richter	richter@snas.gov.sk	-
6.	90/385/EEC	Active implantable medical devices	Katarína Juríková	jurikova@snas.gov.sk	-
7.	90/396/EEC	Appliances burning gaseous fuels	-	-	-
8.	92/42/EEC	Hot-water boilers	Renáta Kuťková	kutkova@snas.gov.sk	-
9.	93/15/EEC	Explosives for civil uses	Tibor Czocher	czocher@snas.gov.sk	-
10.	93/42/EEC	Medical devices	Katarína Juríková	jurikova@snas.gov.sk	-
11.	94/9/EC	Equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres	Renáta Kuťková	kutkova@snas.gov.sk	-
12.	94/25/EC	Recreational craft	-	-	-
13.	95/16/EC	Lifts	Ivan Kováčik	kovacik@snas.gov.sk	-
14.	96/48/EC	Interoperability of trans-European high-speed rail system	Renáta Kuťková	kutkova@snas.gov.sk	-
15.	96/98/EC	Marine equipment	-	-	-
16.	97/23/EC	Pressure equipment	Ivan Kováčik	kovacik@snas.gov.sk	-
17.	98/37/EC	Machinery	Renáta Kuťková	kutkova@snas.gov.sk	-
18.	98/79/EC	In vitro diagnostic medical devices	Katarína Juríková	jurikova@snas.gov.sk	-
19.	99/5/EC	Radio and Telecommunications terminal equipment	Karol Richter	richter@snas.gov.sk	-
20.	99/36/EC	Transportable pressure equipment	Ivan Kováčik	kovacik@snas.gov.sk	-

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21.	2000/9/EC	Cableway installations designed to carry persons	Renáta Kuřková	kutkova@snas.gov.sk	-
22.	2000/14/EC	Noise emission in the environment by equipment for use outdoors	Karol Richter	richter@snas.gov.sk	Karol Richter
23.	2001/16/EC	Interoperability of trans-European conventional rail system	Renáta Kuřková	kutkova@snas.gov.sk	-
24.	2004/22/EC	Measuring instruments Directive	Karol Richter	richter@snas.gov.sk	-
25.	2004/108/EC	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC)	Karol Richter	richter@snas.gov.sk	-
26.	2006/95/EC	Low Voltage	Karol Richter	richter@snas.gov.sk	-
27.	Regulation (EC) No 552/2004	Interoperability of the European Air Traffic Management network	-	-	-