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**SNAS POLICY ON PROTECTION AND USE OF SNAS
LOGO AND ACCREDITATION MARK**

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**PURPOSE:**

This prescription delineates SNAS policy on protection and use of SNAS logo and accreditation mark.

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1 SNAS POLICY ON PROTECTION AND USE OF SNAS LOGO AND ACCREDITATION MARK

1. Slovak National Accreditation Service proceeds using SNAS logo in compliance with the Slovak legislation (Act No. 264/1999 Coll., Act. No. 163/2001 Coll., Act No. 63/1993 Coll.). Use of the accreditation mark and references to accreditation are regulated in compliance of international organizations precepts: EA (EA 3/01), ILAC (ILAC-P8:07/2006) and IAF ML 2:2004).
2. SNAS specifies SNAS logo, ILAC-MRA-SNAS, IAF-MLA-SNASS combined marks, SNAS accreditation marks, MRA laboratory combined mark, MLA certification combined mark, text references to accreditation and to the MLA/MRA signatory status, in the methodological Guideline MSA-02, where, at the same time, stipulates the principles of their use and protection.
3. A conformity assessment body is authorized to use the SNAS accreditation mark, MRA laboratory combined mark, and MLA certification combined mark and to use references to accreditation or SNAS status as a MLA/MRA signatory if:
 - it is accredited and is a bearer of a valid accreditation certificate (the certificate is not suspended, withdrawn or expired);
 - meets the requirements of the MSA-02 Methodological Guideline;
 - meets the requirements on granting of MRA combined mark licence or MLA closed with SNAS (in case of MRA combine laboratory mark or MLA certification combined mark).
4. SNAS requires of conformity assessment body
 - when using accreditation status for references in media to be governed by SNAS requirements;
 - to use accreditation marks only in CAB sites included into accreditation;
 - not to make declarations concerning its accreditation which could be considered misleading or unjustified;
 - to be responsible for its protocols or certificates in such a way that they could not be used in a misleading way;
 - stop using references to accreditation status after its accreditation was suspended or withdrawn;
 - do not allow that the fact that a CAD is accredited means that a product, a process, a system or a staff member was approved by an accreditation body.
5. In MSA-06, SNAS has prepared measures for not correct reference to accreditation status or to misleading use of accreditation marks in CAB's materials.

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**2 RELATED DOCUMENTS**

Act No. 264/1999 Coll. on technical requirements for products and on conformity assessment as amended

Act No 163/2001 Coll. on chemicals and chemical formulations as amended

Act No. 63/1993 Coll. on national symbols of SR and their use

ISO/IEC 17011: 2004 Conformity Assessment. General Requirements for Accreditation Bodies Accrediting CABs

IAF ML 2:2004: General Principle of Use of the IAF MLA Mark

ILAC-P8:07/2006: ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement: Supplementary Requirements and Guidelines for the Use of Accreditation Symbols and Claims of Accreditation Status by Accredited Laboratories

EA 3/01: Conditions for the Use of Accreditation Marks

SNAS Quality Manual

RR-P18: SNAS Policy on Conformity Assessment Schemes

IP-12: Procedure for providing accreditation and attestation services

MSA-02: SNAS Logo and Marks, References to Accreditation

MSA – 06: Responsibility of SNAS and CAB

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