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**Decision of the Director
RR-P19**

**POLICY AND PROCEDURE OF SNAS TO BE
APPLIED IN TRANSITION TO A NEW DEFINITION
OF ACCREDITATION AREA AND OF A SCOPE IN
THE FIELD OF ACCREDITATION OF
LABORATORIES AND PROVIDERS OF
COMPETENCE EXAMINATION**

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OBJECTIVE

This regulation stipulate policy and procedure of SNAS to be applied during the period for transition into a new definition of the area and of the scope of accreditation in laboratories and in providers of competence examination.

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1 POLICY

Policy of SNAS is to ensure that the area and the scope of laboratory accreditation is defined in such a way that they are unambiguous and understandable for clients of laboratories and also for those who assess their competence in the given field. Aim to update MSA-L/01 was to simplify specification of the area and of the scope of accreditation for laboratories and for providers of competence examination.

SNAS, in relation to an update of MSA-L/01, in force from 25th Sept 2009, which contains instructions for defining area and scope of accreditation with calibration, testing and medical laboratories and with providers of competence examination, stipulates the following:

1. There is no obligation for accredited entities to re-elaborate already defined area and scope of accreditation, unless they are in the re-accreditation process.
2. Area and the scope of accreditation of already accredited entities shall be aligned with a new rules at re-accreditation.
3. In case, the accredited entity wishes to have definition of an area and of a scope in accordance with new rules, it shall submit to SNAS the application for updating accreditation certificate with enclosure that will comply with new rules.
4. In all cases of new accreditations and re-accreditation which shall start after 25th September 2009, and in all cases of new accreditation and re-accreditation that started before 25th September 2009 but will end after 1st November 2009 shall have the area and scope of accreditation defined according to new rules.
5. In case of extension of accreditation, if the accredited area and accreditation scope are not already defined in accordance with new rules, the entity shall decide whether activities that are the subject of extension shall be defined in accreditation certificate in accordance with new rules. If yes, the procedure shall follow provisions given in item 3.
6. If update of accreditation area and of scope is needed and accredited area and scope are not already specified in accordance with new rules, the entity decides whether it aligns, or not, the area and the scope of accreditation with new rules. If yes, the procedure shall follow provisions given in item 3.
7. Area and scope of accreditation which relates to specification of activities of laboratories and of providers of competence examinations, have to be in line with new rules by 31 December 2013 at latest.

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8. In individual and justified cases and after the agreement with SNAS the area and scope of accreditation can be defined by modified way.

2 RELATED REGULATIONS

MSA-L/01: Area and scope of laboratory accreditation

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