

Policy**PL-10****SNAS POLICY ON ACCREDITATION FOR
AUTHORIZATION/NOTIFICATION PURPOSES**

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PURPOSE:

This document delineates the SNAS policy on CAB accreditation for the authorization/ notification purposes.

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1 SNAS POLICY ON ACCREDITATION FOR AUTHORIZATION/NOTIFICATION PURPOSES

The requirements of the Regulation of European Parliament and Council No. 765/2008 and the Decision of the European Parliament and the Council No. 768/2008 extended the accreditation in the European region into a regulated sphere.

SNAS policy on and approach to accreditation of conformity assessment bodies (CAB) for authorization/notification purposes are based on:

- Regulation (EC) No. 765/2008 which set out the requirements for accreditation and market surveillance relating to the marketing of products and Decision of EP and Council 768/2008 where the duties of EA members are formalized and where it is stressed the need for close cooperation between EA, European Commission, accreditation bodies and national regulators;
- horizontal requirements for accreditation of conformity assessment bodies for the notification purposes defined in the document EA-2/17 which is applied by accreditation bodies for assessment of notified bodies or conformity assessment bodies seeking notification if their accreditation scope is an object of notification;
- requirements specified in the relevant harmonisation international legislation and requirements set on national level;
- relevant technical regulations for conformity assessment bodies and related documents issued by EA, ILAC and IAF.

The aim of this activity is to unify requirements for accreditation of CAB which has or will have in the scope of its accreditation also an activity necessitating, according to a technical regulation, authorization/notification. For CAB itself, it means ridding of multiple assessments carried out within the process of accreditation for the notification purposes.

2 COOPERATION WITH NATIONAL REGULATORS

Communication, cooperation and strengthening of the linkages between SNAS and national regulators are important prerequisites for an accreditation in the regulated field, the aim of this is carrying out the process in the most effective way.

As for this, SNAS has a documented and implemented structure enabling effective involving national regulators in accreditation in the regulated fields:

- SNAS Horizontal Accreditation Committee of SNAS, whose task is to supervise the impartiality and objectivity of SNAS's performances, to conceptually participate in the development and maintenance of the principles and main policies of the accreditation system in the Slovak Republic. It is also a coordination forum between national regulators and SNAS in exchanging accreditation experiences for authorization/notification purposes;
- SNAS Technical Committees, which are established to confirm the professional competence of assessors and experts in the field of accreditation and to address technical

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and methodological issues in the areas of SNAS accreditation to ensure that all professional and technical issues and relevant documents are discussed and resolved in SNAS at required professional level, including accreditation for authorization/notification purposes;

- direct participation of the regulator in the assessment, by including its expert in the SNAS assessment group;
- indirect participation of the regulator in the assessment, through the transfer assessment outputs by SNAS to the regulator.

3 RELATED DOCUMENTS

ISO/IEC 17011: Conformity Assessment. Requirements for Accreditation Bodies
2017 Accrediting Conformity Assessment Bodies

Regulation EP setting out the requirements for accreditation and market surveillance
and C 765/2008 relating to the marketing of products and repealing Regulation (EEC) No
339/93

Decision EP and on a common framework for the marketing of products, and repealing
C 768/2008 Council Decision 93/465/EEC

MSA-04 Procedure for the Accreditation

MSA-06 Responsibility of SNAS and CABs

MSA-N/01 Accreditation for Notification Purposes

ST-06 SNAS Technical Committees

ST-10 Horizontal Accreditation Committee

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