

Policy

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SNAS POLICY ON PROTECTION AND USE OF SNAS LOGO, ACCREDITATION AND COMBINED MARK OF ACCREDITED BODY

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PURPOSE: This document determines SNAS policy on protection and use of SNAS logo, accreditation and combined mark of accredited body.

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

- 1 The Slovak National Accreditation Service uses for the performance of its activities SNAS logo and stamp illustration of which is stipulated in the Act No. 53/2023 Coll.
- 2 The Slovak National Accreditation Service when using the SNAS logo proceeds in compliance with the Slovak legislation. Use of the accreditation mark and references to accreditation are regulated in compliance with international organizations precepts: EA, ILAC, IAF and Act. No. 53/2023 Coll.
- 3 In line with ISO/IEC 17011 SNAS specifies SNAS logo, combined ILAC MRA mark, combined IAF MLA mark, SNAS accreditation marks, combined ILAC MRA and IAF MLA marks of accredited body, text references to accreditation and to the MLA/MRA signatory status, SNAS notification mark (note: SNAS is a national notification body on the basis of Act No. 146/2023 Coll. on Air Protection and Ordinance No. 299/2023 Coll.) and other marks in the Methodological Guideline MSA-02, where, at the same time, stipulates the principles of their use and protection.
- 4 **A conformity assessment body** is authorized to use the SNAS accreditation mark, combined ILAC MRA and/or IAF MLA marks of accredited body and to use references to accreditation or SNAS status as EA MLA, IAF MLA, ILAC MRA signatory if:
 - it has a valid accreditation (i.e. the accreditation is not suspended, withdrawn or expired);
 - meets the relevant legal requirements,
 - meets the requirements of the MSA-02 Methodological Guideline;
 - limits the reference to SNAS status as an EA MLA signatory for reports/certificates within activities (actions) covered by the EA MLA signatory;
 - meets the requirements of the Licence Agreement with SNAS for use of the combined ILAC MRA and/or IAF MLA marks.
- 5 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 the fields for which the accreditation has been granted and on CAB (Conformity Assessment Body) workplaces/sites included into granted accreditation;
 - not to make declarations concerning its accreditation which could be considered misleading or unjustified;
 - to be responsible for its protocols, reports or certificates in such a way that they could not be used in a misleading way;

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- to meet the requirements for reproduction of the accreditation symbol;
 - not to use any accreditation marks, references to accreditation status in the period of suspension, withdrawal or termination of its accreditation;
 - not to use the combined MRA/MLA marks of accredited body, references to the accreditation status of SNAS, as EA MLA, IAF MLA, ILAC MRA signatory, in the period of the SNAS signatory suspension, withdrawal or termination of its MRA/MLA signatory;
 - to use and monitoring of the accreditation symbol in combination with any conformity assessment body mark;
 - not to allow that the fact that a CAB is accredited means that product, process, system or personnel were approved by the accreditation body.
- 6 In MSA-06, SNAS has listed measures/sanctions after an inappropriate use or abuse of the accreditation status or misleading use of accreditation marks in CAB's materials.

2 RELATED DOCUMENTS

Act No. 53/2023	Act on Accreditation of Bodies Responsible for Conformity Assessment
ISO/IEC 17011	Conformity Assessment. Requirements for Accreditation Bodies Accrediting CABs
IAF ML 2	General Principles on Use of the IAF MLA Mark
ILAC-P8	ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement (Arrangement): Supplementary Requirements and Guidelines for the Use of Accreditation Symbols and for Claims of Accreditation Status by Accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies
ILAC-R7	Rules for the Use of the ILAC MRA Mark
EA 3/01 M	EA Conditions for the Use of Accreditation Symbols, Text Reference to Accreditation and Reference to EA MLA Signatory Status
MSA-02	SNAS Logo and Marks,
MSA-06	Responsibility of SNAS and CAB

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