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SNAS POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BODIES FOR NOTIFICATION PURPOSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH EA-2/17 M: 2020

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PURPOSE: This document defines the SNAS policy and procedure for the assessment of conformity assessment bodies for notification purposes in accordance with EA-2/17 M: 2020.

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1 POLICY

For the notification purposes, SNAS assesses the competence of conformity assessment bodies (CAB) according to the requirements of the standards of the relevant accreditation scheme and according to the requirements of EA-2/17 M: 2020 "EA document on Accreditation for notification purposes".

The new version of EA-2/17 M: 2020, which replaces the original version of EA-2/17 M: 2016, was published on **17.04.2020**. SNAS implemented this document as the MSA-N/01 Methodical Guideline for Accreditation, in which modifications and national notes related to the application of the document in the Slovak Republic are published.

SNAS, in accordance with the implementation data published in document EA-2/17 M: 2020, (hereinafter referred to as "the document") set the period for the implementation of the document into the SNAS documentation system for 1 year after its publication, this period ends on **17.04.2021**. At the same time, a transitional period of 3 years was provided for to assess CAB compliance with the requirements set out in the document, which ends on **17.04.2023**. Within this time, by fulfilling the conditions set out below, all accredited CAB using accreditation for notification purposes must demonstrate competence according to document requirements, which SNAS will check during planned or extraordinary assessments.

2 ASSESSMENTS PROCEDURE AND TERMS

On the basis of the new application on accreditation for the notification purposes or a request for re-accreditation for notification purposes, SNAS will also assess the fulfilment of the requirements set out in EA-2/17 M: 2020 **from 01.05.2021**.

During the planned assessments, SNAS will check compliance with accreditation requirements for notification purposes. CAB may also request an assessment outside the planned assessments, which SNAS will carry out in the form of an extraordinary assessment. All assessments to verify compliance with accreditation requirements for notification purposes will be carried out by **17.12.2022 at the latest**.

CAB accredited for notification purposes shall demonstrate compliance with the requirements set out in document EA-2/17 M: 2020 as of 17.02.2023 and SNAS shall decide on the granting of accreditation for notification purposes by **17.04.2023** at the latest.

The findings of the assessments will be classified in accordance with the system published by SNAS and must be removed within the period specified in Act No. 505/2009 On accreditation of conformity assessment bodies and on amendments to certain acts as amended, no later than two months after their detection and recording.

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Note 1 – The assessment of compliance with accreditation requirements for notification purposes under document EA-2/17 M: 2020 shall be indicated in the Annex of the accreditation certificate.

Note 2 – After April 17, 2023 SNAS will suspend or will withdraw accreditations for notification purposes that are not issued on the basis of the preferred standard specified in MSA-N/01. SNAS will also proceed in the same way if the Notifying Authority and/or the Regulatory Authority allows the use of more standards as preferred for the relevant activity. In the case that the CAB is in the process of accreditation to a preferred standard, which will not be completed by April 17, 2023, SNAS will decide to suspend the validity of accreditation to a standard other than the preferred standard.

3 RELATED DOCUMENTS

ISO/IEC 17011: 2017 Conformity assessment. Requirements on the accreditation bodies accrediting the conformity assessment bodies

Act. No. 53/2023 Coll. on the accreditation of conformity assessment bodies

EA-2/17 M: 2020 EA document on Accreditation for notification purposes

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