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WITNESSING ACTIVITIES FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS CERTIFICATION BODIES

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INTRODUCTION TO THE USE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The term „should“ is used in this document to indicate the recognized means of meeting the requirements of the standard. The Conformity Assessment Body (CAB) can meet these in an equivalent way provided this can be demonstrated to an Accreditation Body (AB). The term „shall“ is used in this document to indicate those provisions which, reflecting the requirements of the relevant standard, are mandatory.

1 GENERAL PART

1.1 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this document, the definitions below are applicable.

1.1.1 Witnessing

Observation of the CAB carrying out conformity assessment activities within its scope of accreditation (clause 3.25 ISO/IEC 17011:2017)

Witnessing of an audit is an activity, carried out by SNAS whereby it observes, without interfering and influencing, an audit performed by a CB audit team. Depending upon the objectives of the witnessing, the complete audit may be observed or just relevant parts of the audit. The witnessing is done on-site at the CB client premises or observing remote auditing via electronic means.

Note: SNAS may witness also other activities conducted by CB as part of their accreditation process, outside of the scope of this document.

1.1.2 File review

Activity performed by SNAS whereby it reviews and evaluates the records and documents pertaining to a given certification file, in order to determine whether the relevant CB procedures were followed and implemented. This is normally done at the CB premises, with the appropriate CB staff and/or auditors, although it may be performed remotely or elsewhere (eg: CB client premises), as appropriate and agreed.

1.1.3 Scope of accreditation

Specific management system standards and their relevant parts, EA codes, sectors, categories or technical areas, according to which CB grants an accredited certification in a specific location.

1.2 GENERAL POLICIES

1.2.1 Objectives

1.2.1.1 The objective of witnessing, in conformity with art. 7.4.4 and art. 7.4.5 of ISO/IEC 17011:2017, is to provide assurance of the competence of the MS CB across the scope of accreditation. The competence requirements related to auditing and auditing personnel are specified in ISO/IEC 17021 series.

1.2.1.2 The witnessing of CB's audits on their clients by accreditation bodies is valuable for:

- verifying, on site, the effective implementation of the CB's certification programs and procedures (and especially with regard to their assignment of competent audit teams and determination of audit time) and determine the correct assignment of scope by the CB for the client,
- observing the CB's auditors to evaluate if they:
 - a. conform with the CB's procedures;
 - b. adequately address the requirements of:
 - certification requirements;
 - applicable points of ISO/IEC 17021;
 - relevant IAF documents; and
 - any relevant sector specific requirements, as applicable.
- obtaining a representative sample of the competence of CB across the accreditation scope.

1.2.1.3 This document will enable SNAS to determine whether the CB has competent scheduling/planning and auditing personnel, and to assess the CB's competence to perform certification audits under accreditation.

1.2.1.4 Witnessing can also be initiated for other reasons, according to the SNAS procedures and/or policies e.g. upon the receipt of complaints, claims, disputes, market or regulator feedback.

1.2.2 General policy

1.2.2.1 To cover the scope for each applicant and accredited CB, SNAS uses the mechanisms available, including:

- office assessment activities;
- witnessing activities;
- other assessment activities – file reviews, interviews with auditors, etc.

SNAS ensures that the performance of a sample of the conformity assessment activities representative of the scope of accreditation (see 7.4.5 of ISO/IEC 17011: 2017).

1.2.2.2 SNAS requires the requirement for witnessing by the AB to be included in the contract agreements between CBs and their clients and confirm that refusal to accept a witness assessment by the accreditation body, must be justified and accepted by the CB

and SNAS, and could result in withdrawal of accredited certification where reasons are not accepted.

1.2.3 General instructions for using witnessing to cover the scope of accreditation

1.2.3.1 SNAS prepares the assessment program that covers the scope of each applicant of accredited CB for each accreditation cycle. The program is periodically reviewed and updated, as needed.

1.2.3.2 The program considers the need to assess any cross-frontier certification activities, based on the size of the CB operations, their criticality, and feedback from the local AB. If witnessing is needed abroad, SNAS acts upon the MLA rules and regulations.

1.2.3.3 When deciding how many and which audits are to be witnessed, SNAS takes into account the following factors:

- CB's overall performance;
- factors such as process complexity or legislation, etc. which influence the ability of the certified organization to demonstrate the ability to meet the intended outcomes of the MS;
- feedback from interested parties including complaints about the certified organizations;
- the results of the CB's internal audits;
- scheme owner requirements, etc.;
- changes in the CB work patterns – growth of work within a specific region or technical area;
- number of clients within the CB's scope of accreditation;
- confidence in the CB's auditor evaluation and approval process; and
- previous or other office or witnessing assessment results, etc.

The following additional factors can be taken into account to select the witnessing activities:

- number of certificates issued;
- number of auditors;
- different auditors;
- whether auditors are internal staff or external resource;
- different audits, initial audit (stage 1/stage 2), surveillance and recertification;
- complexity of clients, combined and/or integrated audits, multi-site audits;
- countries where audits in certification process are performed;
- results of previous witnessing activities;
- complaints, customer surveys;
- interested parties and regulators requests;
- the technical clusters already assessed;
- experiences from other types of accreditation of the CB;
- previous history of CB's ability to manage its operations;
- level of controls exercised by a CB over its critical activities;
- specific scheme requirements; and

- national agreements with clients.

1.2.4 General instructions for carrying out a witnessing

1.2.4.1 When requested by SNAS, CB shall promptly provide to the complete and updated schedule of confirmed and planned audits (dates, location, audit team composition, audit type and scope, etc.) in order to allow SNAS to schedule or update the program for the coverage of the scope of accreditation.

1.2.4.2 The following solutions are possible when CB refuses the witness assessment (whether based on its own decision or decision of its client):

- a) when refusal by the CB is justified and accepted by SNAS, no sanctions are imposed, provided a new witnessing is prepared in the terms scheduled;
- b) when SNAS doesn't accept the CB justifications:
 - b1) and the refusal of witnessing are made pursuant to CB's own decision, the sanctions are imposed, which are proposed by a professional guarantee and approved by OCO SNAS department manager. These sanctions can relate to the suspension of competence of specific auditors, suspension of revocation of accreditation validity either in the concrete area or management system;
 - b2) and the refusal of witnessing are made pursuant to CB customer's decision in order to prevent sanctions, the CB shall withdraw the existing accreditation certificate or, provided the client is not yet certified, the CB shall not enable to place the accreditation logo on the future certificate. If it be to the contrary, SNAS will proceed to the sanctions as set in the point b1);

The refusal of witnessing does not acquit the CB of other duties specified in this document.

1.2.4.3 If sanctions are imposed on a CB resulting in certificate withdrawal than SNAS notifies all ABs and all scheme owners that may be impacted, if their identity is known. An accredited certificate shall not be issued if, in order to avoid its audit witnessed, the organization transfers the certificate to another CB or if the CB intends to reissue the same certificate under the coverage of another AB.

1.2.4.4 If the witness assessment carried out on the territory of Slovakia, CB shall, at latest 6 weeks before the witnessing, deliver to SNAS number of auditor days and at latest 2 weeks before the witnessing, deliver to SNAS the audit plan, previous audit reports, if applicable, audit team competence records, audit programme and the justification for calculation of the audit time. If the witness assessment carried out outside the territory of Slovakia, CB shall, at latest 6 weeks before the witnessing, deliver to SNAS the audit plan, previous audit reports, if applicable, audit team competence records, audit programme and the justification for calculation of the audit time.

1.2.4.5 For each witnessing, SNAS designates an assessment team, competent in the relevant scope of accreditation. SNAS informs the CB in advance of the assessment team composition. The CB and/or its client can object to the nomination of a given assessor on the grounds of demonstrated close or direct relationships with competitors (threats of impartiality), or a previous valid complaint against an assessor, etc...

1.2.4.6 It is the duty of the CB to inform its client, to explain the witnessing procedure and get the client's agreement. The CB is not expected to change its audit team, audit plan or audit duration due to the witnessing. If such changes do take place, the CB shall provide to SNAS an appropriate justification.

1.2.4.7 During witnessing, the SNAS assessors' activities are those of the observer, without influencing the conduct of the audit by the CB audit team. Access to the client's documentation reviewed by the CB's audit team shall be promptly provided to the SNAS assessors upon request.

1.2.4.8 Any information collected during the witnessing of an audit is confidential and shall be treated by SNAS assessors and staff accordingly.

1.2.4.9 The direct questioning to CB's client by SNAS assessors is not allowed, as this can affect the outcome of the audit. SNAS assessors shall not provide any opinion to the CB, while the audit is being conducted. The SNAS assessors shall not provide any opinions to the CBs clients at any time. The SNAS assessors should ensure that their presence and witnessing activity is not perceived as interference by the CB's client, and instead is viewed positively.

1.2.4.10 Normally, the full on-site audit shall be witnessed, unless objectives for a particular activity can be satisfied with a partial witnessing.

1.2.4.11 Feedback on the CB's performance, including any assessment findings/non-conformities is given by SNAS assessors to the CB's audit team when the witnessing is completed. The feedback includes outlining of the SNAS's reporting process, the CB response/reaction process and the SNAS decision making process. Where possible this feedback is provided to the CB's management as well. This occurs after the audit, always in the absence of CB's client.

1.2.4.12 The CB shall provide the SNAS assessment team with an own CB's audit report and any additional information required at latest 2 weeks after the witnessing in order to get it reviewed.

1.2.4.13 It is the responsibility of the CB's client to inform in advances the audit team and the SNAS assessors, of all the applicable safety requirements. SNAS assessors shall conform to safety rules made known to them by the organization; however, it is expected that SNAS assessors shall take immediate action at any time to avoid injury, including leaving the area or the organization if necessary.

1.2.4.14 If at any time during the assessment of a CB audit the SNAS assessor observes a potential condition he or she considers to be an imminent risk of high severity (e.g. health and safety or the environment), the SNAS assessor shall request an immediate private meeting with the CB's audit team leader to inform him or her of the potential threat, with the expectation that the CB's audit team leader will address the threat with the organization in accordance with the CB's process and any legal obligation.

1.3 PROCEDURES

1.3.1 The SNAS procedures for ensuring that appropriate mechanisms and criteria are in place to cover and assess the scope of accreditation (first or extension) in a representative way and scope of accreditation during any accreditation cycle are mentioned in the part 2 of this document.

1.3.2 The SNAS procedures are conform with the provisions set out in IAF MD 17, and detail:

- the approach to achieve representative sampling;
- the mechanisms used to cover the scope of accreditation and the criteria for selection and use of each mechanism; and
- the records to be kept.

1.3.3 The reports from witnessing give evidence and provide the conclusions and decisions of SNAS assessment team as to the implementation of CB process to perform the audit and the conformity with the relevant requirements of standards and the CB's capability for the activities it performs. SNAS witnessing report includes, where applicable, at least:

- comments on CB planning (determination of audit time, audit programme, if available, and audit plan);
- comments on audit team (competence of the team, division of work, scope coverage and effectiveness of the audit);
- comments on the auditing techniques (interviews, observation of processes and activities, review of documentation and records, sampling, establishment of audit trails, ability to collect, verify and record evidence on conformity and non-conformity in line with the required elements for the type of audit, appropriateness of grading of findings, handling of previous findings, reporting, opening and closing meetings and debriefs);
- comments on CB findings and conclusions in relation to the client MS conformity and implementation, and significant findings not reported or identified by the CB's audit team, if applicable;
- others (e.g. whether impartiality was maintained, safety arrangements, confidentiality, regulatory or legal compliance, post-witnessing activities if included, conformity with the CB procedures);
- SNAS findings and conclusions identified during the witnessed audit; and
- conclusions on the reliability of the CB's report to reflect the actual audit findings and conclusions.

1.3.4 The SNAS report on the witnessing does not duplicate the information already provided in the CB audit report.

1.3.5 If the SNAS assessor was not present throughout the CB audit, the witness report outlines which audit activities were witnessed (including identification of the parts of the audit plan and which requirements of the MS were witnessed by SNAS).

1.4 SPECIFIC APPROACH FOR SAMPLING OF SCOPES

1.4.1 How to read the tables - explanations

1.4.1.1 All the codes (see IAF ID1) are merged into a series of technical clusters (taking into consideration the applicable regulations, the technicalities of the processes and the consequent competence needed by the CB's audit team) as appropriate for each type of MS certification.

1.4.1.2 Critical codes have been identified for each technical cluster. A critical code is a code that from a technical point of view requires the CB's audit team to have a higher level of competence, caution and diligence.

1.4.1.3 If another system of coding is used, the CBs shall establish a correlation between their coding system and the coding system defined in this document.

1.4.2 General rules applicable to various management systems - explanations

1.4.2.1 IAF MD 17 is baseline for determining of sampling.

1.4.2.2 Planning SNAS guarantee that competence is assessed within accreditation cycle through all scope of each scheme MS by one mechanism from art. 1.2.2.1. If this kind of assessment is not possible in the accreditation cycle, then SNAS will reduce the scope of accreditation.

1.4.2.3 In the initial accreditation cycle of each MS system scheme, SNAS shall perform at least one witnessing activity in each technical cluster of each MS scheme. This programme will continue until the CB has demonstrated sufficient experiences and performance for a simplified programme. When this happens, SNAS shall perform at least one witnessing activity in each technical cluster of each SM scheme, to be complemented with other assessment activities to guarantee that each technical cluster is assessed in a period not exceeding ten years. SNAS shall justify why the witnessing programme was reduced. The witnessing frequency established for the 1st cycle should be reinstated if significant changes occur in the CB's auditor qualification process, auditing practices or results and audit personnel.

1.4.2.4 The following witnessing rules apply for the granting and extension of accreditation of each MS scheme and must be complemented with other assessment activities to guarantee the appropriate coverage of the applicant scope:

- if a technical cluster has only 1 critical code, SNAS shall perform a witnessing activity in this critical code to grant accreditation for all the codes in that cluster – e.g. for QMS, cluster „Food “ with 1 witnessing activity in code 3, SNAS can grant accreditation in the other EA codes (1 and 30) of that cluster; for EMS, cluster „Paper“ with one witnessing activity in code 9, SNAS can grant accreditation in the other codes (7 and 8) of that cluster;
- if a technical cluster has more than one critical code, SNAS shall perform at least a witnessing activity:

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- a) In all the critical codes that are identified with an “and” (on the “Critical code” column);
e.g. for EMS, cluster Goods Production, with 1 witnessing activity in code 4 or 5, SNAS can grant accreditation in all the non-critical codes (6 and 23) of that cluster, but the other critical code (4 or 5) needs to be witnessed to be granted;
- b) In one of the critical codes that are identified with an “or” (on the “Critical code” column);
e.g. for QMS, in cluster „Mechanical“ with one witnessing activity in code 20 or 22, SNAS can grant an accreditation in the other codes (17, 18, 19, 20 or 22) of that technical cluster;
- c) in all critical codes that are identified with an “and”, i.e. the critical codes within the square brackets [...] or in the critical code identified with an “or” (on the “Critical code” column);
e.g. for OH&S, cluster “Chemicals”, with 1 witnessing activity in code 7 or 10 or 12 or 13 or 16, SNAS can grant accreditation in all non-critical codes, i.e. 14 and 15, plus 17 of that cluster, but the other critical codes need to be witnessed, i.e. 7 or 10 or 12 or 13 or 16, to be granted;
Instead, for the same cluster mentioned above, with 1 witnessing activity in code 17, SNAS can grant accreditation in the code 17 and in all other codes, i.e. 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, of that technical cluster;
- if it is not possible to perform a witnessing activity in the code (codes) identified as critical, SNAS can agree with the CB on one of these two options:
- a) SNAS can grant accreditation only in the non-critical code(s) of the technical cluster for one of which a witnessing activity is performed of which a witnessing activity is performed (e.g. for QMS – Food cluster – with one witnessing activity in code 30, SNAS can grant an accreditation for both codes 30 and 1);
- b) SNAS can grant accreditation in all codes of the cluster, performing an office activity in the critical code(s), but on condition, that the CB has demonstrated its competence on a documental basis in all the codes of the cluster, and the witnessing activity in the critical codes takes place before any certificate in the critical code based on accreditation is issued.
- Note – In this case is granting:
- initial accreditation conditional on performing at least one witness assessment in each MS scheme;
 - extension accreditation for new scheme conditional on performing at least one witness assessment in this MS scheme.

However, in such cases, if the result of the witnessing activity is negative, the SNAS shall consider reducing the scope of accreditation.

Note: for existing accredited CBs, if they already hold accreditation for a critical code but not the related non-critical code, they can have their accreditation extended to include the non-critical codes in line with art. 1.4.2.6.

1.4.2.5 If the CB wants to be accredited only in one or more on-critical codes, a minimum of one witness audit is required in each cluster with non-critical EA codes.

1.4.2.6 For initial accreditation for each certification scheme, SNAS shall witness both stage 1 and stage 2 audits, for at least one of the CB's clients. Prior to witnessing the stage 2 of the same audit, the applicant CB shall submit the completed report and/or conclusions from the stage 1 audit to SNAS assessment team. If the CB does not have any new clients, it is possible to witness one renewal or two surveillances which cover the key processes.

1.4.2.7 The possibility to grant accreditation in all codes is always subject to the CB demonstrating it has the competence to manage certification in all of the underlying technical areas.

1.4.2.8 In addition to the above, it is necessary to assess competence also for all non-critical codes before SNAS can grant the accreditation. Therefore, the accreditation shall be granted only:

- in codes where the CB has already taken decisions for certification (e.g. for QMS, with 1 witnessing in EA code 3, SNAS can grant accreditation only for code 30 and 3 in cases where CB has taken no decision for certification in code 1); or
- in codes where the CB has demonstrated its competence by other means (e.g. demonstrating to have competent personnel for all the specific certification functions).

1.4.2.9 In cases of an integrated or combined management system audit, the scope of the witnessing activity shall be agreed with the client. If a witnessing activity has been recently performed in the same code/scheme, for a different purpose, SNAS can consider removing the necessity of another witnessing activity.

2 SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS ON WITNESSING ACTIVITIES WITHIN SNAS

2.1 COMMON REGULATIONS

2.1.1 The below requirements on the number of witnessing assessments represent the minimum; however, after having considered all factors mentioned in the Clause 1.2.3.3 of this document, the OCO SNAS manager can, based in the professional guarantee's proposal, decide to increase the number of witnessing assessments.

2.1.2 During accreditation, a witnessing is performed for each technical cluster QMS, EMS, OH&SMS, QMS-W, or cluster of categories of FSMS and FSSC, or main technical area of QMS-MD, QMS-VS or technical area EnMS, BCMS, or SFCS, ISMS, ABMS, ITSMS, according to the more detailed instructions set for any management system.

2.1.3 For the extension of accreditation, the witnessing assessment is performed in each technical cluster, or cluster of categories of FSMS, FSSC or main technical area QMS-MD, QMS-VS, technical area EnMS, BCMS, or SFCS, ISMS, ABMS, ITSMS according to the more

detailed instructions set for any management system.

2.1.4 During accreditation cycle, e. g. within surveillances and re-accreditation, the witnessing assessments shall be performed in accordance with the programme of witnessing assessments in the required number for each technical cluster, or cluster of categories of FSMS, FSSC or main technical area of QMS-MD, QMS-VS, technical area EnMS, BCMS, or SFCS, ISMS, ABMS, ITSMS.

2.1.5 During accreditation cycle, e. g. within surveillances and re-accreditation, the CB's competence must be assessed for any management system and any code QMS, EMS, OH&SMS, QMS-W, BCMS, or FSMS, FSSC sub-category, or QMS-MD, QMS-VS technical area, or technical area EnMS, or SFCS, ISMS, ABMS, ITSMS, using one of the following methods:

- witnessing assessment;
- files' review;
- interviews with auditors or experts.

If such assessment in an accreditation cycle is not possible, then SNAS reduces the scope of accreditation.

2.1.6 At least one witnessing assessment must be performed within surveillance and re-accreditation for each management system.

2.1.7 The interviews with auditors are in preference carried out with those of them, whose competence was not yet assessed during the accreditation cycle. The interview with CB management, internal auditors and administrative staff are to be carried out during accreditation, any surveillance and re-accreditation.

2.1.8 The witnessing assessment is planned and carried-out for any management system separately, in accordance with the rules mentioned. In the case when CB plans to perform an integrated audit for several management systems, SNAS considers the possibilities of carrying-out the joint witnessing assessment in order to fulfil the programme of witnessing for all management systems. It is possible to perform a witnessing assessment jointly for one EA code, evtl. FSMS, FSSC sub-category in the QMS, QMS-W, QMS-MD, QMS-VS, EMS, OH&SMS, BCMS and FSMS systems. Also, it is possible to perform a witnessing assessment jointly for ISMS and ITSMS. The witnessing assessments for EnMS, SFCS and ABMS shall be performed separately. In cases worthy of special attention, the Head of the OCO SNAS department may decide, on the proposal of the technical guarantor, to carry out the witness assessment jointly under a different mode. If a witness assessment is carried out in the FSSC area, the results can also be recognized for the identical category in the FSMS area.

2.1.9 The witnessing assessment can be performed for the relevant EA code only in the case when it concerns, within CB's client's scope, the main activity – e.g. the witnessing assessment in code 29 can't be carried out in the company producing metallic parts (code 17) and selling them as well whereby this sale relates exclusively to the own products.

2.1.10 The witnessing assessment mentioned in the witnessing assessment programme shall be performed before the relevant surveillance, or re-accreditation. The non-

performance of relevant witnessing assessments in the terms set results in the suspension of the validity of accreditation for the relevant management system. The suspension of the validity of accreditation certificate is effective from the first day of the month following the planned surveillance, or re-accreditation. For the term of the planned surveillance or re-accreditation is considered to be the term stated in the Surveillance Card made available in AIS. In the exceptional, special consideration worthy cases the OCO SNAS department manager can, upon professional guarantee's proposal, decide on the extension of the term the witnessing assessment should be carried out in.

2.1.11 In the case of a CB with very small number of technical clusters (areas), or FSMS, FSSC categories, or main QMS-MD, QMS-VS technical areas and with very small number of clients the OCO SNAS department manager can, upon the professional guarantee's proposal, decide on the exception from the clause 2.1.4 and 2.1.6 of this document (preventing of repeated witnessing assessment for the same client within the accreditation cycle).

2.1.12 In the case of file review, at least one file shall be assessed for each EA code, or FSMS, FSSC sub-category, or QMS-MD, QMS-VS and EnMS technical area, or sustainable maintenance of forests. In the case when the number of files "n" is higher than 9, the number of files is determining as $\sqrt{n}/3$. In the case of file review in the context of granting and extension of accreditation are file review designed to witness assessment in accordance with paragraphs 1.4.2.4, 2.1.2 and 2.1.3, if possible.

However, when the SNAS assessment group doesn't identify any repeated non-conformity in the review of three files from the relevant code, or FSMS, FSSC sub-category, or QMS-MD, QMS-VS technical area, or SFCS, ISMS, ABMS, ITSMS it is possible, with the agreement of lead assessor, to finish the assessment of the given code, or FSMS, FSSC sub-category, or QMS-MD, QMS-VS and EnMS technical area, or SFCS, ISMS, ABMS. In the case, if the assessment team identified the same non-conformity that a systemic mold at the three files, it is possible with the agreement of lead assessor, to record the non-conformity and the review will be ending in the code, or subcategory FSMS, FSSC, or technical area QMS-MD, QMS-VS and EnMS, or SFCS, ISMS, ABMS, ITSMS.

2.1.13 Planning of witnessing is set in the "Witnessing assessment programme".

2.1.14 In the case of extension of the scope of accreditation by a non-critical code the:

- witnessing assessment is not performed when a witnessing assessment of the critical code the relevant group was performed in within the current "Witnessing assessment programme";
- witnessing assessment is performed in the critical code from the relevant group, if no witnessing assessment of the critical code the relevant group was performed in within the current "Witnessing assessment programme".

2.1.15 In the case of extension of the scope of accreditation by a critical EA code mentioned with the conjunction "or" the:

- witnessing assessment is not carried out when a witnessing assessment of the one another critical code of the relevant group was performed in within the current "Witnessing assessment programme";

- the witnessing assessment is performed in one critical code from the relevant group, if no witnessing assessment of the critical code the relevant group was performed in within the current “Witnessing assessment programme”.

2.1.16 The witnessing assessment must be performed in the case of extension of the scope of accreditation by an separate critical code, or mentioned with conjunction “and”.

2.2 SPECIFIC APPROACH TO SAMPLING OF SCOPES

2.2.1 Quality management systems (ISO 9001)

Table 1: Groups and critical codes for QMS

| Clusters and critical codes for QMS | | | |
|--|----------------|--|-------------------------|
| Technical cluster | EA code | Description of economic sector/activity, according to IAF ID1 | Critical code(s) |
| Food | 1 | Agriculture, forestry and fishing | 3 |
| | 3 | Food products, beverages and tobacco | |
| | 30 | Hotels and restaurants | |
| Mechanical | 17 | Basic metals and fabricated metal products | 22 or 20 |
| | 18 | Machinery and equipment | |
| | 19 | Electrical and optical equipment | |
| | 20 | Shipbuilding | |
| | 22 | Other transport equipment | |
| Paper | 7 | Limited to Paper products | 9 |
| | 8 | Publishing companies | |
| | 9 | Printing companies | |
| Minerals | 2 | Mining and quarrying | 2 or 15 |
| | 15 | Non-metallic mineral products | |
| | 16 | Concrete, cement, lime, plaster, etc. | |
| Construction | 28 | Construction | 28 |
| | 34 | Engineering services | |
| Goods production | 4 | Textiles and textile products | 5 or 14 |
| | 5 | Leather and leather products | |
| | 6 | Wood and wood products | |
| | 14 | Rubber and plastic products | |
| | 23 | Manufacturing not elsewhere classified | |
| Chemicals | 7 | Limited to Pulp and paper manufacturing | 12 |
| | 10 | Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products | |
| | 12 | Chemicals, chemical products and fibres | |
| Supply | 25 | Electricity supply | 26 |
| | 26 | Gas supply | |

| Clusters and critical codes for QMS | | | |
|--|----------------|--|-------------------------|
| Technical cluster | EA code | Description of economic sector/activity, according to IAF ID1 | Critical code(s) |
| | 27 | Water supply | |
| Transport & Waste management | 24 | Recycling | 24 |
| | 31 | Transport, storage and communication | |
| | 39 | Other social services | |
| Services | 29 | Wholesale and retail trade; Repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles and personal and household goods | 37 or 33 |
| | 32 | Financial intermediation, real estate, renting | |
| | 33 | Information technologies | |
| | 35 | Other services | |
| | 37 | Education | |
| | 36 | Public administration | |
| Nuclear | 11 | Nuclear fuel | 11 |
| Pharmaceutical | 13 | Pharmaceuticals | 13 |
| Aerospace | 21 | Aerospace | 21 |
| Health | 38 | Health and social work | 38 |

Note: EA 7 is within QMS divided into two technical clusters – into Paper and Chemicals.

2.2.2 Environmental management systems (ISO 14001)

Table 2: Groups and Critical Codes for EMS

| Clusters and critical codes for EMS | | | |
|--|----------------|---|-------------------------|
| Technical cluster | EA code | Description of economic sector/activity according to IAF ID1 | Critical code(s) |
| Agriculture, forestry and fishing | 1 | Agriculture, forestry and fishing | 1 |
| Food | 3 | Food products, beverages and tobacco | 3 |
| | 30 | Hotels and restaurants | |
| Mechanical | 17 | Limited to fabricated metal products | 20 or 21 |
| | 18 | Machinery and equipment | |
| | 19 | Electrical and optical equipment | |
| | 20 | Shipbuilding | |
| | 21 | Aerospace | |
| | 22 | Other transport equipment | |
| Paper | 7 | Limited to “paper products” | 9 |

| Clusters and critical codes for EMS | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Technical cluster | EA code | Description of economic sector/activity according to IAF ID1 | Critical code(s) |
| | 8 | Publishing companies | |
| | 9 | Printing companies | |
| Construction | 28 | Construction | 28 |
| | 34 | Engineering services | |
| Goods production | 4 | Textiles and textile products | 4 and 5 |
| | 5 | Leather and leather products | |
| | 6 | Wood and wooden products | |
| | 23 | Manufacturing not elsewhere classified | |
| Chemicals | 7 | Limited to "Pulp and paper manufacturing" | 7 and 10 and 12 and 13 |
| | 10 | Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products | |
| | 12 | Chemicals, chemical products and fibres | |
| | 13 | Pharmaceuticals | |
| | 14 | Rubber and plastic products | |
| | 15 | Non-metallic mineral products | |
| | 16 | Concrete, cement, lime, plaster, etc. | |
| 17 | Limited to "Base metals production" | | |
| Mining and quarrying | 2 | Mining and quarrying | 2 |
| Supply | 25 | Electricity supply | 25 or 26 |
| | 26 | Gas supply | |
| | 27 | Water supply | |
| Transport & Waste management | 31 | Transport, storage and communication | 24 and 39 (limited to NACE 37, 38.1, 38.2, 39) |
| | 24 | Recycling | |
| | 39 | Other social services | |
| Services | 29 | Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles and personal and household goods | 29 or 35 or 36 |
| | 32 | Financial intermediation, real estate, renting | |
| | 33 | Information technologies | |
| | 35 | Other services | |
| | 36 | Public administration | |
| | 37 | Education | |
| Nuclear | 11 | Nuclear fuel | 11 |
| Health | 38 | Health and social work | 38 |

Note 1: code 7 is within EMS divided into two technical clusters – into Paper and Chemicals.

Note 2: code 17 is within EMS divided into two technical clusters – into Mechanical and Chemicals.

Note 3: As critical part of code 39 in the technical cluster Transport & Waste management result to be only the NACE codes 37, 38.1, 38.2 a 39.

2.2.3 Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems (ISO 45001)

Table 3: Table 3 Groups and critical codes for OH&SMS

| Clusters and critical codes for OH&SMS | | | |
|--|---------|--|---|
| Technical cluster | EA code | Description of economic sector/activity according to IAF ID1 | Critical code(s) |
| Agriculture, forestry and fishing | 1 | Agriculture, forestry and fishing | 1 |
| Food | 3 | Food products, beverages and tobacco | 3 |
| | 30 | Hotels and restaurants | |
| Mechanical | 17 | Limited to fabricated metal products | 20 or 21 |
| | 18 | Machinery and equipment | |
| | 19 | Electrical and optical equipment | |
| | 20 | Shipbuilding | |
| | 21 | Aerospace | |
| | 22 | Other transport equipment | |
| Paper | 7 | Limited to “paper products” | 9 |
| | 8 | Publishing companies | |
| | 9 | Printing companies | |
| Construction | 28 | Construction | 28 |
| | 34 | Engineering services | |
| Goods production | 4 | Textiles and textile products | [4 (with dyeing) and 5 (with tanning)] or 6 |
| | 5 | Leather and leather products | |
| | 6 | Wood and wooden products | |
| | 23 | Manufacturing not elsewhere classified | |
| Chemicals | 7 | Limited to “Pulp an paper manufacturing” | [7 and 10 and 12 and 13 and 16] or 17 |
| | 10 | Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products | |
| | 12 | Chemicals, chemical products and fibres | |
| | 13 | Pharmaceuticals | |
| | 14 | Rubber and plastic products | |
| | 15 | Non-metallic mineral products | |
| | 16 | Concrete, cement, lime, plaster, etc. | |

| Clusters and critical codes for OH&SMS | | | |
|---|----------------|--|---|
| Technical cluster | EA code | Description of economic sector/activity according to IAF ID1 | Critical code(s) |
| | 17 | Limited to "Base metals production" | |
| Mining and quarrying | 2 | Mining and quarrying | 2 |
| Supply | 25 | Electricity supply | 25 or 26 |
| | 26 | Gas supply | |
| | 27 | Water supply | |
| Transport & Waste management | 31 | Transport, storage and communication | [31 (limited to dangerous goods) and 24] or 39 (limited to NACE 37, 38.1, 38.2, 39) |
| | 24 | Recycling | |
| | 39 | Other social services | |
| Services | 29 | Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles and personal and household goods | 29 or 35 or 36 |
| | 32 | Financial intermediation, real estate, renting | |
| | 33 | Information technologies | |
| | 35 | Other services | |
| | 36 | Public administration | |
| | 37 | Education | |
| Nuclear | 11 | Nuclear fuel | 11 |
| Health | 38 | Health and social work | 38 |

2.2.4 Quality management systems for welding (ISO 3834)

Table 4: Table 4 Groups and critical codes for QMS-W

| Clusters and critical codes for QMS-W | | |
|--|---|-------------------------------|
| EA code | Description of economic sector/activity according to IAF ID1 | Critical code(s) |
| 1 | Agriculture, forestry and fishing | (17 or 18) and (20 or 22) and |
| 2 | Mining and quarrying | |
| 3 | Food products, beverages and tobacco | |
| 4 | Textiles and textile products | |
| 5 | Leather and leather products | |

| Clusters and critical codes for QMS-W | | |
|--|---|------------------------------------|
| EA code | Description of economic sector/activity according to IAF ID1 | Critical code(s) |
| 6 | Wood and wood products | (14 or 23 or 26 or 28 or 29 or 34) |
| 7 | Pulp and paper manufacturing | |
| 8 | Publishing companies | |
| 9 | Printing companies | |
| 10 | Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products | |
| 11 | Nuclear fuel | |
| 12 | Chemicals, chemical products and fibres | |
| 13 | Pharmaceuticals | |
| 14 | Rubber and plastic products | |
| 15 | Non-metallic mineral products | |
| 16 | Concrete, cement, lime, plaster, etc. | |
| 17 | Basic metals and fabricated metal products | |
| 18 | Machinery and equipment | |
| 19 | Electrical and optical equipment | |
| 20 | Shipbuilding | |
| 21 | Aerospace | |
| 22 | Other transport equipment | |
| 23 | Manufacturing not elsewhere classified | |
| 24 | Recycling | |
| 25 | Electricity supply | |
| 26 | Gas supply | |
| 27 | Water supply | |
| 28 | Construction | |
| 29 | Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles, personal and household goods | |
| 30 | Hotels and restaurants | |
| 31 | Transport, storage and communication | |
| 32 | Financial intermediation, real estate, renting | |
| 33 | Information technologies | |
| 34 | Engineering services | |
| 35 | Other services | |
| 36 | Public administration | |
| 37 | Education | |
| 38 | Health and social work | |
| 39 | Other social services | |

2.2.5 Energetic management systems (ISO 50001)

In the case management system EnMS, must be carried out witness assessment within accreditation and minimum once per accreditation cycle in the technical area "Industry - heavy" or "Building complexes" (if they are part of the application / scope of accreditation). At least one witness assessment must be done before accreditation, any surveillance and re-accreditation.

Where possible, the witness assessment within the accreditation cycle not perform with the same client.

CB must have processed the procedure for classification of existing EA codes into technical areas and for each client must have documented reasons for their classification in the relevant technical area. For these purposes may be used MSA-CS / 01, Annex 11 (informative) Example of positioning EA codes in the technical area for EnMS.

Table 5: Energy management systems (ISO 50001)

| Technical area | Description |
|----------------------------|---|
| Industry – light to medium | Manufacturing facilities producing consumer intermediates or end user-oriented products |
| Industry – heavy | Manufacturing facilities requiring high capitalization and consuming large quantities of raw materials and energy |
| Buildings | Facilities with standard commercial building practices |
| Building complexes | Facilities with operations requiring specific expertise due to the complexity of energy sources and uses |
| Transport | System or means for transporting people or goods/cargo |
| Mining | Open cast, underground and fluid extraction of raw materials and transport |
| Agriculture | Livestock, seed or crops products |
| Energy Supply | Energy generation (nuclear, CHP, electricity, renewable, etc.) and transport (transmission and distribution) |

2.2.6 Information safety management systems (ISO/IEC 27001)

The ISMS Management System involves only one item "Information Security Management System". A witness assessment will be defined by SNAS in agreement with the CAB.

2.2.7 Sustainable forest management systems (TD SFCS 1002)

The SFCS management system involves only one item „Sustainable forest management systems “.

2.2.8 Food safety management systems (FSMS)

In the FSMS management system case, the witnessing shall be carried out of any cluster within the accreditation and every accreditation cycle. The witnessing assessment of the second cluster „Processing of food products and feedstuff“, shall be performed in every calendar year. In the case of an extension by other clusters, the witnessing is performed in every new cluster. In the case of an extension by categories within the accredited cluster it is not necessary to perform witnessing. When possible, the witnessing assessments within the accreditation cycle are carried out still in another sub-category.

Table 6: Food safety management systems (FSMS)

| Cluster | Category | | Subcategory | |
|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| 1. Primary production | A | Farming or handling of animals | AI | Farming of Animals for Meat / Milk / Eggs / Honey |
| | | | AII | Farming of Fish and Seafood |
| | B | Farming or handling of plants | BI | Farming - Handling of plants(other than grains and pulses) |
| | | | BII | Farming – Handling of grains and Pulses |
| | | | BIII | Pre-process handling of plant products |
| | 2. Processing food for humans and animals | C | Food ingredient and pet food processing | C0 |
| CI | | | | Processing of perishable animal products |
| CII | | | | Processing of perishable plant-based products |
| CIII | | | | Processing of perishable animal and plant - Products (mixed products) |
| CIV | | Processing of ambient stable products | | |
| D | Feed and animal food processing | | | |
| 3. Catering /food service | E | Catering /food service | | |
| 4. Retail, transport and storage | F | Trading, retail and e-commerce | FI | Retail / Wholesale |
| | | | FII | Broking / trading |
| | G | Transport and storage services | | |
| 5. Auxiliary services | H | Services | | |
| 6. Packaging material | I | Production of packaging material | | |
| 7. Auxilliary | J | Equipment | | |

| Cluster | Category | Subcategory |
|-----------------|----------|---------------------------|
| equipment | | |
| 8. Bio/chemical | K | Chemical and bio-chemical |

2.2.9 Food safety management systems (FSSC)

Witness assessments shall meet the requirements as set out in Section 7.5.6 of IAF MD 16:2015, including the FSSC 22000 Scheme Specific Requirements below:

Initial assessments and scope extension assessments shall require at least one witnessed assessment per category (as defined in ISO 22003 -1:2022).

During the accreditation cycle, all FSSC 22000 witness assessments shall be performed covering all categories included in the scope of the certification body's accreditation.

The witness assessments shall be carried out at all times throughout the duration of the FSSC 22000 audit and shall cover all relevant audit requirements of the scheme.

In order for the certification body to be granted initial accreditation, the witness assessment shall be carried out as part of a full scheme audit [e.g. initial audit (at least Stage 2) or during a transitional audit]. Subsequent witness assessments may also be carried out as part of a surveillance or recertification audit.

Table 7: Food safety management systems (FSSC) Group/Cluster

| Food safety management systems (FSSC) Group/ cluster | Category | Subcategory |
|--|----------|--|
| 1. Primary production | B | Farming or handling of plants BIII Pre-process handling of plant products |
| 2. Processing food for humans and animals | C | C0 Animal – Primary conversion (premena) |
| | | CI Processing of perishable animal products |
| | | CII Processing of perishable plant-based products |
| | | CIII Processing of perishable animal and plant -Products (mixed products) |
| | | CIV Processing of ambient stable products |
| | D | Feed and animal food processing |

| Food safety management systems (FSSC) Group/ cluster | Category | | Subcategory | |
|---|-----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 3. Catering /food service | E | Catering /food service | | |
| 4. Retail, transport and storage | F | Trading, retail and e-commerce | FI | Retail / Wholesale |
| | | | FII | Broking / trading |
| | G | Transport and storage services | | |
| 5. Packaging | I | Production of packaging material | | |
| 6. Bio/chemical | K | Chemical and bio-chemical | | |

2.2.10 Quality management systems for medical devices (ISO 13485)

In the QMS-MD management system case, the witnessing assessment shall be carried out of each main technical cluster within accreditation and of each accreditation cycle. At least one witnessing must be performed prior to any surveillance.

If possible, the witnessing assessments within the accreditation cycle are not performed at the same client. The technical clusters are selected for witnessing within main technical clusters that present the highest risk.

Note: Detailed tables comprehensive of “Product Categories Covered by the Technical Areas” are in normative Annex A, MSA-CS/13, created according to the IAF MD 9.

Table 8: Quality management systems for medical devices (ISO 13485)

| Nº | Code | Main Technical Areas | Technical Areas |
|-----------|-------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1 | MD 1.1 | 1. Non-active Medical Devices | General non-active, non-implantable medical devices |
| 2 | MD 1.2 | | Non-active implants |
| 3 | MD 1.3 | | Devices for wound care |
| 4 | MD 1.4 | | Non-active dental devices and accessories |
| 5 | MD 1.5 | | Non-active medical devices other than specified above |
| 6 | MD 2.1 | 2. Active Medical Devices | General active medical devices |
| 7 | MD 2.2 | | Devices for imaging |
| 8 | MD 2.3 | | Monitoring devices |
| 9 | MD 2.4 | | Devices for radiation therapy and thermo therapy |

| Nº | Code | Main Technical Areas | Technical Areas |
|-----------|-------------|---|--|
| 10 | MD 2.5 | (Non-Implantable) | Active (non-implantable) medical devices other than specified above |
| 11 | MD 3.1 | 3. Active Implantable Medical Devices | General active implantable medical devices |
| 12 | MD 3.2 | | Implantable medical devices other than specified above |
| 13 | MD 4.1 | 4. In Vitro Diagnostic Medical Devices (IVD) | Reagents and reagent products, calibrators and control materials for: Clinical Chemistry Immunochemistry (Immunology) Haematology/Haemostasis/ Immunoematology Microbiology Infectious Immunology Histology/Cytology Genetic Testing |
| 14 | MD 4.2 | | In Vitro Diagnostic Instruments and software |
| 15 | MD 4.3 | | IVD medical devices other than specified above |
| 16 | MD 5.1 | | 5. Sterilization Method for Medical Devices |
| 17 | MD 5.2 | Moist heat | |
| 18 | MD 5.3 | Aseptic processing | |
| 19 | MD 5.4 | Radiation sterilization (e.g. gamma, x-ray, electron beam) | |
| 20 | MD 5.5 | Low temperature steam and formaldehyde sterilization | |
| 21 | MD 5.6 | Thermic sterilization with dry heat | |
| 22 | MD 5.7 | Sterilization with hydrogen peroxide. | |
| 23 | MD 5.8 | Sterilization method other than specified above | |
| 24 | MD 6.1 | 6. Devices incorporating / utilizing specific substances / technologies | Medical devices incorporating medicinal substances |
| 25 | MD 6.2 | | Medical devices utilizing tissues of animal origin |
| 26 | MD 6.3 | | Medical devices incorporating derivates of human blood |
| 27 | MD 6.4 | | Medical devices utilizing micromechanics |
| 28 | MD 6.5 | | Medical devices utilizing nanomaterials |
| 29 | MD 6.6 | | Medical devices utilizing biological active coatings and/or materials or being wholly or mainly absorbed |
| 30 | MD 6.7 | | Medical devices incorporating or utilizing specific substances / technologies / elements other than specified above |
| 31 | MD 7.1 | 7. Parts or services | Raw materials |
| 32 | MD 7.2 | | Components |

| No | Code | Main Technical Areas | Technical Areas |
|----|--------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 33 | MD 7.3 | 7. Parts or services | Subassemblies |
| 34 | MD 7.4 | | Calibration services |
| 35 | MD 7.5 | | Distribution services |
| 36 | MD 7.6 | | Maintenance services |
| 37 | MD 7.7 | | Transportation services |
| 38 | MD 7.8 | | Other services |

2.2.11 End-of-waste management system according to ISO 9001, Council Regulation (EU) No. 333/2011, Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1179/2012 and Commission Regulation (EU) No. 715/2013 (QMS-EoW)

In the QMS-EoW Management system case, the witnessing assessment shall be carried out for one EA code for each corresponding regulation within granting accreditation and one EA code in accreditation cycle. If possible, EA codes must be within the accreditation cycle rotate.

Assessment (on-site and witnessing) of end-of-waste management system is carrying out only within re-accreditation of quality management system.

Table 9: End-of-waste management systems according to ISO 9001, Council Regulation (EU) No 333/2011, Commission Regulation (EU) No 1179/2012 and Commission Regulation (EU) No 715/2013 (QMS-EoW)

| No | Code | | Name of activity |
|----|------|-------------------|---|
| | EA | NACE | |
| 1 | 15 | 23.1 | Manufacture of glass and glass products |
| 2 | 17 | 24 excl. of 24.46 | Manufacture of basic metals |
| 3 | 24 | 38.3 | Materials recovery |
| 4 | 39 | 38.1 | Waste collection |
| | | 38.2 | Waste treatment and disposal |

Notes:

EA 17, 24 and 39 belong to Council Regulation (EU) No. 333/2011 and Commission Regulation (EU) No. 715/2013.

EA 15, 24 and 39 belong to Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1179/2012.

2.2.12 Anti-bribery management systems (ISO 37001)

The ABMS Management System involves only one item "Anti-bribery Management System". A witness assessment will be defined by SNAS in agreement with the CAB.

2.2.13 Business continuity management systems (ISO 22301)

In the BCMS management system case the witness assessment shall be carried out within granting accreditation and each accreditation cycle for the technical areas (A, B, C, D, E, F and G). For technical areas B, D and G a witness assessment must be carried out for each technical area separately. For areas A, C, E and F there is required one witness assessment for any of the technical areas A to G. If it is possible, for witnessing in the same technical area the activities are selected accordingly that present the highest risk.

At least one witness assessment must be performed before each surveillance.

Where possible, witness assessments within the accreditation cycle shall not be performed at the same client of CAB.

Table 10: Business continuity management systems (ISO 22301)

| Technical area | Mark | EA code | Description of economic sector/activity, according to IAF ID1 |
|---------------------------|--|---------|---|
| Industry and Distribution | A | 1 | Agriculture, forestry and fishing |
| | | 2 | Mining and quarrying |
| | | 3 | Food products, beverages and tobacco |
| | | 4 | Textiles and textile products |
| | | 5 | Leather and leather products |
| | | 6 | Wood and wood products |
| | | 7 | Pulp and paper manufacturing |
| | | 8 | Publishing companies |
| | | 9 | Printing companies |
| | | 10 | Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products |
| | | 12 | Chemicals, chemical products and fibres |
| | | 13 | Pharmaceuticals |
| | | 14 | Rubber and plastic products |
| | | 15 | Non-metallic mineral products |
| | | 16 | Concrete, cement, lime, plaster, etc. |
| | | 17 | Basic metals and fabricated metal products |
| | | 18 | Machinery and equipment |
| | | 19 | Electrical and optical equipment |
| | | 20 | Shipbuilding |
| | | 21 | Aerospace |
| 22 | Other transport equipment | | |
| 23 | Manufacturing not elsewhere classified | | |
| 24 | Recycling | | |
| 28 | Construction | | |

| Technical area | Mark | EA code | Description of economic sector/activity, according to IAF ID1 |
|-------------------------|------|---------|--|
| Critical infrastructure | B | 11 | Nuclear fuel |
| | | 25 | Electricity supply |
| | | 26 | Gas supply |
| | | 27 | Water supply |
| Public administration | C | 36 | Public administration and defense; compulsory social security (if not included elsewhere) |
| Healthcare | D | 38 | Healthcare and social work |
| Services | E | 29 | Wholesale and retail trade; Repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles and personal and household goods |
| | | 30 | Hotels and restaurants |
| | | 34 | Engineering services |
| | | 35 | Other services |
| | | 37 | Education |
| | | 39 | Other social services |
| Finance, insurance | F | 31 | Doprava, skladovanie a komunikácia |
| | | 32 | Finančné sprostredkovanie, nehnuteľnosti, prenájom |
| IT services | G | 33 | Information technology |

2.2.14 Information Technology Service Management Systems (ISO/IEC 20000-1)

The ITSMS Management System involves only one item " Information Technolgy Service Management System". A witness assessment will be defined by SNAS in agreement with the CAB.

2.2.15 Management systems of the Contractor of designated construction works

In the QMS-VS management system case, the witnessing assessment shall be carried out of each main technical cluster within accreditation and of each accreditation cycle. At least one witnessing must be performed prior to any surveillance.

If possible, the witnessing assessments within the accreditation cycle are not performed at the same client. Where possible, the technical clusters are selected for witnessing within main technical clusters that present the highest risk.

Table 11: Management systems for Contractor of designated construction works

| Nº | Code | Main Technical Areas | Technical Areas |
|-----------|----------------|--|---|
| 1 | VS 1.1 | 1. Buildings | Single-storey buildings with one additional mezzanine floor possible, with a span of the bearing roof structure of over 30 m |
| 2 | VS 1.2 | | Multi-storey buildings with a height of the last bearing roof structure of over 32 m above the terrain level |
| 3 | VS 1.3 | | Multi-storey buildings with a span of bearing structures of over 12 m except for the roof structure with a span of up to 24 m |
| 4 | VS 1.4 | | Buildings or civil engineering constructions intended for public use in which there are assembly spaces for 1,200 persons or more, in particular buildings with concert halls, theatres, buildings with spaces used for the entertainment of the citizens, exhibition spaces, or stadiums |
| 5 | VS 1.5 | | Buildings in the structural system of which prestressed structures are used as load-bearing elements. |
| 6 | VS 2.1 | 2. Civil engineering structures | Construction of motorways, express roads, and 1st class roads in a new territory. |
| 7 | VS 2.2 | | Bridges on motorways, express roads, and 1st class roads; bridges with a span of bearing structure of over 30 m for concrete prefabricated bearing structures or over 20 m for other types of bearing structures; footbridges 20 m. |
| 8 | VS 2.3 | | Tunnels |
| 9 | VS 2.4 | | Abutment walls and retaining walls, and noise barriers; earth bodies – embankments, cuts, and off-cuts with a height of over 10 m. |
| 10 | VS 2.5 | | Rail and trolleybus tracks |
| 11 | VS 2.6 | | Cableway lines, except ski lifts |
| 12 | VS 2.7 | | Airports -movement areas of airports |
| 13 | VS 2.8 | | Dams and other water constructions with a height of over 8 m above the lowest ground elevation of the footing bottom, or a retained volume of more than 1 million m ³ . |
| 14 | VS 2.9 | | Wastewater treatment plant tanks for a population equivalent of over 500 |
| 15 | VS 2.10 | | Tanks and silos with a total height of over 12 m above the terrain level or with a span of over 12 m, or tanks and silos used for the storage of |

| Nº | Code | Main Technical Areas | Technical Areas |
|-----------|----------------|-----------------------------|---|
| | | | explosive substances and highly flammable substances, including gases. |
| 16 | VS 2.11 | | Hazardous waste landfill body |
| 17 | VS 2.12 | | Very high voltage and ultra-high voltage power lines, unless otherwise provided for in this Act |
| 18 | VS 2.13 | | Other civil engineering constructions not specified in other provisions of this Act with a height of over 50 m above the terrain level or with a span of bearing structures of over 12 m. |
| 19 | VS 2.14 | | Construction of nuclear installations |