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1. Preamble

Since the 1st of January 2010, the regulation (EC) No 765/2008 of the European Parliament and the Council of the 9th of July 2008 laying down the requirements concerning the accreditation and the market surveillance requirements for the marketing of products and abrogating the regulation (EEC No 339/93 of the Council is applicable. The rules applicable in the frame of the accreditation of a CAB in a Member State are defined in the article 7 – Cross-frontier Accreditation.

These rules are applicable in the frame of an application for accreditation by a CAB residing in a Member State of the European Community. In the case of a CAB residing outside of the European Community, the recommendations of the guides IAF GD 3:2003 and ILAC-G21:2002 are applicable.

For the cross-frontier accreditation of a multi site organization the application of appendix A013 is mandatory.

2. Rules applicable for a cross-frontier accreditation of a CAB residing in another Member State

With the application of (EC) No 765/2008 the accreditation of a CAB shall be carried out by the local accreditation body.

However, considering the article 7(1) of the regulation, a cross-frontier accreditation is allowed if:

- The Member State has not local accreditation body or has not recourse to the national accreditation body of another Member State;
- The local accreditation body does not perform the overall accreditation service required;
- The local accreditation body is not a signatory of the multilateral recognition agreements of EA for the conformity assessment activities for which accreditation is applied.

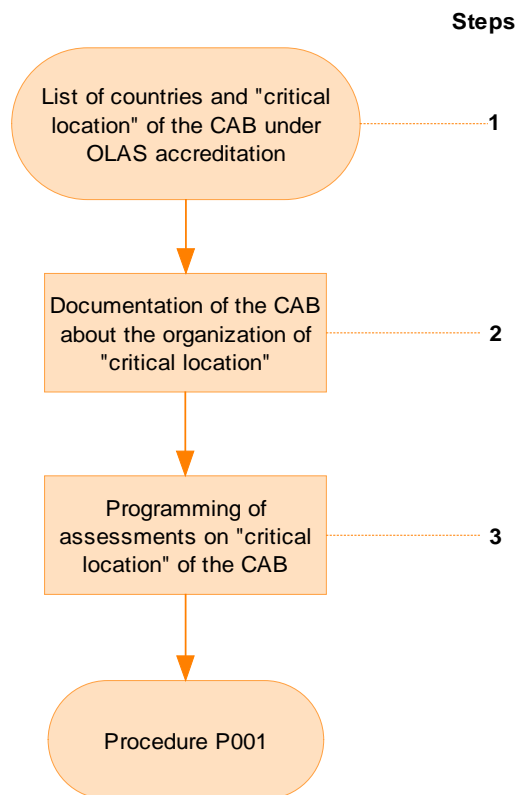
If the application for a cross-frontier accreditation is acceptable, OLAS must follow the following steps:

- To inform the national accreditation body of the accreditation application;
- To propose the national accreditation body to participate as observer to the accreditation assessment;
- To propose the national accreditation body to carry out jointly the accreditation assessment but only with the agreement of the CAB. In this case, the accreditation certificate will be issued by OLAS.

If the CAB chooses simultaneously the services of OLAS and the national AB, OLAS commits itself to comply with the following steps:

- Obtain a written agreement from the CAB to allow sharing information collected during the accreditation assessment with the national AB.
- Take into account the results of the national AB assessment to plan the assessment program of the CAB.

3. Implementation of across-frontier accreditation



Step 1. List of countries and “critical locations” of the CAB under OLAS accreditation

OLAS updates the list of countries where the CAB or its subsidiaries issue accreditation certificates. To do so, OLAS gathers together the addresses of all the “critical locations” to the CAB (offices, sub-contractors, franchisees, etc.) where activities subject to accreditation are carried out or checked. This information is necessary to plan cross-frontier assessments.

Step 2. Documentation of the CAB concerning the “critical locations”

The CAB sends all the necessary documentation to prove that each “critical locations” is organized in accordance with accreditation requirements.

Step 3. Programming of “critical locations” assessments of the CAB

OLAS prepares an assessment program covering all the CAB “critical locations” regardless of their geographical location. The assessments are carried out in collaboration with assessors from the local AB. With regard to an initial accreditation, the assessment of all “critical locations” is required.

The assessments are organized and carried out according to procedures *P001 – Processing applications to grant, extend, reduce, renew, suspend or withdraw accreditation* and *P002 – Performing assessments and definitions* as well as appendix *A013 - Accreditation of multi-site organizations*.

When OLAS calls upon assessors from the local AB, it will make the necessary information available to them to carry out their work under optimal conditions. Throughout the assessment these assessors will be considered in the same way as OLAS assessors and are expected to comply with OLAS operational regulations.