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NAB-MALTA TRANSITION POLICY

TRP03 - ILAC-P15:07/2016 to
ILAC-P15:05/2020 Transition Policy

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1. Introduction


- 1.1 ILAC P15:05/2020 Application of ISO/IEC 17020:2012 for the Accreditation of Inspection Bodies has been published in May 2020 and is available from <https://ilac.org/publications-and-resources/ilac-policy-series/>.
- 1.2 ILAC P15 provides information for the application of ISO/IEC 17020:2012 Conformity assessment – Requirements for the operation of various types of bodies performing inspection for the accreditation of inspection bodies.
- 1.3 This revision of ILAC P15 includes updates as a result of the outcome of the ILAC Inspection Committee workshops, ISO CASCO clarification requests and the experience gained in the application of the previous version of ILAC P15 and ISO/IEC 17020:2012. It also includes guidance on the use of emerging technologies (e.g. drones, artificial intelligence) in inspection which are not addressed in ISO/IEC 17020:2012.
- 1.4 The revisions do not change expectations of an inspection body's demonstration of ISO/IEC 17020:2012 compliance nor how the NAB-MALTA assesses the standard's requirements. However, the recognition of the increasing use of technology in inspection and the related considerations for the use of such technology is welcomed and accredited inspection bodies and those seeking accreditation will be expected to demonstrate that the identified aspects have been considered if/when introducing new technology.

2. Scope

- 2.1 This transition policy is applicable to all accreditations for all activities that were formerly covered under accreditation against EN ISO/IEC 17020:2012.
- 2.2 The objective of this document is to define the transition policy for NAB-MALTA following the publication of ILAC-P15/05/2020.

3. Policy

- 3.1 The implementation date for ILAC P15:05/2020 is 18 months from the date of publication on the ILAC website i.e. **November 2021**.

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3.2 All currently accredited inspection bodies shall submit an analysis of their compliance with this revision of ILAC P15 by not later than **30th September 2021 or with the ATG12 set of documentation should the 2021 assessment be prior to 30th September 2021 .**

3.3 The NAB-MALTA will review awareness and implementation of this revised publication during routine assessment activity.

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