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FOREWORD

Accreditation is the mechanism to assure customers of the competence of Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) including laboratories, inspection bodies and certification bodies.

The National Accreditation Board - Malta (NAB-MALTA) is the single national accreditation body appointed as per Article 4 of Regulation (EC) 765/2008 with responsibility for accreditation in accordance with the relevant normative documents. It operates a management system which complies with the requirements established in EN ISO/IEC 17011.

International trade relies on certificates and reports issued by competent bodies. Confidence in accreditation is based on a series of confidence building steps between the accreditation bodies and accredited organisations and the assurance given by the accreditation body that the accredited organisation constantly implements the relevant criteria and maintains and develops its competence continuously as defined in the relevant standard as an ongoing process. This assurance is achieved through accreditation which includes regular on-site assessments and other surveillance activities.


The services of the NAB-MALTA are accessible to all applicants whose requests fall within the current activities as offered by the NAB-MALTA. Access is not conditional upon the size of the applicant laboratory or membership of any association or group.

For the scope of this guide, the masculine gender shall also refer to the feminine gender.

SCOPE OF PUBLICATION


This publication has been drawn up to outline the NAB-MALTA policy regarding cross-border accreditation.

This is a mandatory document.

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1. PURPOSE

This publication outlines the policy of the NAB-MALTA as regards cross-frontier accreditation.

2. RELATED DOCUMENTS

Regulation (EC) 765/2008 Article 7

EA-2/13 M:2019 – EA Cross Border Accreditation Policy and Procedure for Cross Border Cooperation between EA Members

ILAC G21 09/2012 - Cross Frontier Accreditation - Principles for Cooperation


3. DEFINITIONS

The definitions as stated in EA-2/13 shall apply for this document. In particular:

EA Region – is *“the geographical region covered by countries of the EA members, the countries which have been formally identified by the EU or EFTA as candidate countries for membership on the EU or EFTA and countries of accreditation bodies with which EA has signed a bilateral agreement.”*


4. NAB-MALTA POLICY

- 4.1 It is the policy of the NAB-MALTA to follow the requirements of Article 7 of Regulation (EC) 765/2008 and the requirements stated in EA-2/13.
- 4.2 Having taken into consideration the implementation of the European Regulation on accreditation (765/2008) that has come into force on 1 January 2010, the EA cross-frontier policy EA-2/13 as well as the resources at its availability, the NAB-MALTA will not be accepting any applications from conformity assessment bodies established within the EA Region, unless these fall under the exceptions listed in Article 7 of the EU Regulation 765/2008.
- 4.3 Applications may be accepted if these are received from non-EA Region countries or from EU and EEA Members according to Article 7 of Regulation 765/2008 and when these fall in the immediate competence at the availability of the NAB-MALTA. A decision on the acceptance of an application or otherwise will be made by the NAB-MALTA on a case-by-case basis.

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- 4.4 Applications from conformity assessment bodies lying within the EA Region shall be accompanied by a letter which clearly identifies one of the exceptions listed in Article 7 of Regulation (EC) 765/2008.
- 4.5 The NAB-MALTA will not enter into any activity which may result in competition with other national accreditation bodies.

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This publication, application forms and other information about accreditation including this document, are available for download from the NAB-MALTA website at <http://www.nabmalta.org.mt>.

The EA (European Co-operation for Accreditation) publications referred to in this document are available for free download from <http://www.european-accreditation.org>.

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