

## **POLICY ON THE USE OF IAS ENDORSEMENT BY ACCREDITED ORGANIZATIONS IN RESTRICTED ZONES**

### **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 International Accreditation Service (IAS) is an accreditation body based in the United States of America (USA) and is required to adhere to the requirements set forth by the United States government for conducting services in foreign countries.

### **2.0 Purpose**

- 2.1 This document describes the requirements for printing IAS symbol and/or any other associated marks on accredited certificates issued by IAS approved Conformity Assessment Bodies' (CABs) and their certified clients.
- 2.2 The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the US Department of the Treasury administers and enforces economic and trade sanctions based on US foreign policy and national security goals. Where required, the United States government issues Executive Orders which require sanctions on countries compelling U.S. based companies to not provide direct or indirect services to specific countries or with organizations associated with any US sanctioned targeted groups.
- 2.3 These Executive Orders are available at [Sanctions Programs and Country Information | U.S. Department of the Treasury](#)

### **3.0 Requirement**

- 3.1 The listed countries or regions listed under these Orders are known to have varying safety and security risks which hinder the proper functioning of IAS assessments, assessors and prevents IAS from having adequate oversight once accreditation or the CAB's certification is granted.
- 3.2 Due to varying travel advisories, U.S. Executive Orders and safety concerns which pose a risk to the integrity of the accreditation process IAS cannot maintain confidence in the integrity of the accredited organizations.
- 3.3 IAS accredited CABs are not permitted to issue IAS-accredited reports or certifications in these countries with the IAS, International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and/or International Accreditation Forum (IAF) symbols. These restrictions currently apply to any type of certifications, testing, calibration or inspection reports issued by accredited organizations listed under the U.S. Sanctions Program in countries or regions where the 'ACTIVE SANCTIONS PROGRAMS' are in operation.
- 3.4 Sanctions Program webpage (refer to section 2.3 of this policy).

**Note:** *The countries listed on the U.S. Sanctions Program webpage of the Department of the Treasury [Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC)] are subject to change and CABs must review the website regularly.*

#### 4.0 Actions Required by IAS Accredited CABs affected by US Sanction Program

- 4.1 Where CABs have already issued certificates carrying the IAS symbol, these must be immediately re-issued without the IAS symbol.
- 4.2 Inform IAS immediately on the total number of accredited-certifications and unaccredited-certifications issued by your CAB.
- 4.3 Update the IAF CertSearch Database with the revised number of accredited certifications.
- 4.4 Clients of accredited CABs in restricted zones are not permitted to use the IAS or IAF symbol.
- 4.5 Administrative action will be considered against any CAB not in compliance with this policy as identified during IAS assessments or by other means.

#### 5.0 Actions Permitted by IAS Accredited CABs

- 5.1 IAS accredited CABs issuing certifications, testing, calibration or inspection reports in listed on the OFAC website are not permitted to use the IAS symbol on their certificates and reports, however, may make a statement on their certificate as follows:  
*"<Name of CAB> is accredited by IAS for the scope and sub scopes described in this certificate."*
- 5.2 Accredited CABs may continue to make claims of their IAS accreditation in marketing material circulated within these restricted locations.
- 5.3 Accredited CABs may issue certifications and reports without the IAS symbol or mark.

#### 6.0 Actions Not Permitted by IAS Suspended or Cancelled CABs

- 6.1 Not allowed to issue IAS accredited certifications, testing, calibration or inspection reports using the IAS, ILAC and IAF symbol.  
  
**Note:** *Clients of accredited organizations are never permitted to use the IAS, ILAC or IAF symbols*
- 6.2 Not permitted to use the IAS, ILAC or IAF symbols on any marketing media, websites, product packaging etc.

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