



IAS Sanctions Compliance Program Policy for Accredited CABs

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 International Accreditation Service (IAS) is a US-based accreditation body that is required to comply with the regulations established by the United States government when providing services in foreign countries.

2.0 Purpose

- 2.1 The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), part of the US Department of the Treasury, administers and enforces economic and trade sanctions based on US foreign policy and national security goals. Organizations operating within the US, or any foreign organizations using services provided by US-based organizations must comply with any applicable sanctions in effect for a given situation.
- 2.2 Information on currently active sanctions can be found at: <https://ofac.treasury.gov/sanctions-programs-and-country-information>
- 2.3 US Government guidance on maintaining Sanctions Compliance Programs (SCP) can be found here: <https://ofac.treasury.gov/media/16331/download?inline>
- 2.4 This policy forms a part of the IAS Sanctions Compliance Program (SCP)

3.0 Requirements

- 3.1 CABs accredited by the International Accreditation Service are responsible for establishing and maintaining an organizational Sanctions Compliance Program (SCP). This program is to ensure appropriate due diligence when operating in countries or regions where sanctions may exist.
- 3.2 As part of the SCP, CABs must maintain a mechanism for reviewing, acting on, and maintaining ongoing compliance with appropriate sanctions.
- 3.3 As the sanctions are subject to frequent changes, CABs must remain vigilant of these requirements on an ongoing basis. This could form a part of the CAB's risk analysis.
- 3.4 It is the responsibility of the CAB to maintain and demonstrate compliance with any applicable sanctions related to conformity assessment activities accredited by IAS.
- 3.5 IAS may sample specific sanctions related information during assessments. In the event that IAS receives information during the accreditation period regarding potential violations of sanctions, IAS will initiate special reviews. This review process may result in the suspension, modification, or cancellation of the accreditation held by the organization in question.
