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## SLAB POLICY ON TRANSITION TO ISO/IEC 17029: 2019 and ISO 14065: 2020

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ISO/IEC 17029: 2019, Conformity Assessment – General principles and requirements for Validation and Verification bodies, was newly published in October 2019. This standard is applicable for V/VBs in any sector-specific standard that contains requirements for validation/verification processes and procedures, to VVBs in any sector providing validation/verification as conformity assessment activities. At its 33<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) passed a resolution (2019-14) endorsing ISO/IEC 17029: 2019 as an IAF normative document. The SLAB Accreditation Criteria for V/VBs prescribes that they shall comply with ISO 14065 and relevant IAF documents (IAF MD 6, MD 14).

ISO 14065: 2020, General principles and requirements for bodies validating and verifying environmental information, was published in December 2020. This standard is a sector-specific application of ISO/IEC 17029:2019, which contains general principles and requirements for the competence, consistent operation and impartiality of bodies performing validation/verification of environmental information statements as conformity assessment activities.

At its 33<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, International Accreditation Forum (IAF) passed a resolution (2019-19) endorsing a three-year transition period from the date of publication of ISO 14065: 2020. In addition, in accordance with the Resolution (2019-19), all accreditation against ISO 14065: 2020 shall require accreditation to ISO/IEC 17029.

For details, please refer to IAF website at

[https://iaf.nu/en/iaf-documents/resolutions/page/2/-\(2019-19, Frankfurt IAF33-9\)](https://iaf.nu/en/iaf-documents/resolutions/page/2/-(2019-19, Frankfurt IAF33-9))

To sum up, the deadlines for Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Validation and Verification Bodies (V/VBs) to conform to the above ISO standards are:

31 December 2023 (for ISO/IEC 17029: 2019 and ISO 14065: 2020);

In addition, Considering the above transitional requirements by IAF, the SLAB Transition Policy for applicant / accredited VVBs will be as follows:

1. SLAB will establish and launch its Validation/Verification Accreditation scheme as per ISO/IEC 17029:2019 by 01 January 2022.
2. SLAB will not accept new applications against ISO 14065: 2013 from 01 January 2022.
3. SLAB is ready to carry out assessments against ISO/IEC 17029: 2019 and ISO 14065: 2020 from 01 January 2022.

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4. All assessments of new applicants (pre-assessments/initial assessments) and SLAB accredited GHG Validation/Verification Bodies (surveillance assessments/re-assessments) will be conducted in accordance with ISO/IEC 17029: 2019 and ISO 14065: 2020 from 15 February 2022 onwards as per their assessment schedules.
5. SLAB accredited V/VBs under GHG accreditation scheme as on 01 January 2022 shall have to seek accreditation from SLAB as per ISO/IEC 17029:2019 in addition to demonstrating compliance to ISO 14065:2020
6. SLAB accredited V/VBs under the GHG accreditation scheme as on 01 January 2022 shall submit its transition plan as per ISO 14065:2020 and ISO 17029:2019 latest by 15 February 2022.
7. GHG Validation/Verification Bodies granted accreditation as per ISO 14065: 2013 before 01 January 2022 shall undergo surveillance assessment / Re assessment and witness assessments to demonstrate their compliance to ISO/IEC 17029: 2019 and ISO 14065: 2020 as per their normal assessment schedules and complete the process.
8. In case SLAB accredited V/VB is not ready to undertake assessment as per ISO 14065:2020 and ISO/IEC 17029:2019, or unable to demonstrate compliance in the scheduled Surveillance assessment / Reassessment conducted, the findings shall be raised as Nonconformities in the SLAB assessment carried out until 31 October 2023
9. SLAB accredited GHG Validation/Verification Bodies shall be fully compliant with the requirements of the standard ISO/IEC 17029: 2019 and ISO 14065: 2020 by 31 December 2023.
10. Any exception to the above policy may be granted on a specific request from a GHG Validation/Verification Body. However, in line with IAF's Resolution, such a GHG Validation/Verification Body shall have to demonstrate compliance to ISO/IEC 17029: 2019 and ISO 14065: 2020 by 31 December 2023.

The accreditation of any GHG Validation/Verification Body which fails to demonstrate compliance to ISO/IEC 17029: 2019 and ISO 14065: 2020 by 31<sup>th</sup> December 2023 shall be placed under temporally suspension for a maximum of 03 months. Failure to comply with ISO/IEC 17029: 2019 and ISO 14065: 2020 by the end of this period would result in withdrawal of accreditation.

**Note:** This Transition policy does not apply for Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA)

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