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1 Forward

This policy document has been prepared to define the policy of the Emirates International Accreditation Centre (EIAC) for the implementation of the requirements of ILAC Cross Frontier Accreditation Principles for Cooperation (ILACG21 G21: 09/2012).

This document is subject to revision whenever deemed necessary.

This document provides knowledge of assessment process of Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) and guides the assessment team to conduct the assessment of a foreign conformity assessment body in a proper and harmonized way.

2 Objective

To define the Emirates International Accreditation Centre (EIAC) policy for the implementation of the requirements of ILAC Cross-Frontier Accreditation Principles for Cooperation.

3 Scope

This policy applies to all those conformity assessment bodies (CABs) which fall under International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) scope/MRA such as calibration, testing, medical testing, inspection, provision of proficiency testing programs and production of the reference materials, operating from outside the geographical borders of UAE and seeking accreditation from EIAC, herein after referred to as foreign CABs.

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4 Policy

4.1 EIAC may accept application for accreditation from a foreign CAB in following cases:

- The local accreditation body/bodies do(es) not offer the required scope.
- The local accreditation body/bodies is/are not signatory/signatories to the ILAC MRA.
- There is no local accreditation body.
- Its clients demand a specific accreditation and will not be persuaded to accept domestic equivalent.
- It is part of a chain of CABs with a single owner who wants all the CABs to have the same accreditation.
- CAB's preference based on commercial or other business reasons.
- Regulatory requirements require accreditation by EIAC.

4.2 If there is an ILAC MRA signatory covering the scope of the required accreditation in the country or economy of the applicant, the EIAC should:

- Enquire whether the applicant is aware of the local accreditation body/bodies,
- Suggest that the accreditation provided by a domestic accreditation body would better take account of local factors and conditions, where relevant,
- Point out the equivalence of the local accreditation demonstrated through the ILAC arrangement,
- Point out that the local accreditation body may be involved in the accreditation process.

4.3 If the applicant still persists in requiring its accreditation by EIAC, then EIAC will proceed for the accreditation. In this case it should request the applicant to be allowed to inform the local accreditation body/bodies that EIAC will be undertaking the work and to invite any relevant local accreditation body to be an observer at the assessment. It may also suggest a joint accreditation by EIAC and a local accreditation body.

4.4 Where the domestic accreditation body is not a signatory to the ILAC Arrangement, or where the scope of the domestic accreditation body does not cover the requested activity, the EIAC should try to cooperate with the domestic accreditation body according to these principles so as to provide the domestic accreditation body with the opportunity to gain experience to apply for the ILAC Arrangement. The cooperation may include inviting domestic accreditation to observe the assessment or provide a qualified team member/expert to include in the assessment team. This cooperation is subject to acceptance of applicant conformity assessment body.

4.5 In all these cases except when required by law/regulation, EIAC will be willing for moving the accreditation to relevant domestic accreditation body, either when that body joins the ILAC Arrangement for the scope, or when the applicant CAB may chooses.

5 References

ILAC-G21: Cross Frontier Accreditation, Principle for Cooperation

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