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Transition to ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024

To: Information Security Management Systems (ISMS) Certification Bodies

Greetings from Emirates International Accreditation Centre (EIAC)

This is for the information of all information security management systems certification bodies that International Accreditation Forum (IAF) has defined the transition requirements in an IAF mandatory document "Transition Requirements for ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024 (IAF MD 29:2024 Issue 1). This is a mandatory document to be followed by all IAF MLA signatory Accreditation Bodies (ABs) and accredited information security management systems certification bodies.

In compliance with the subject IAF MD, the Emirates International Accreditation Centre (EIAC) has defined the following timeline.

1. EIAC shall start using ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024 for all initial accreditation and scope extension assessments from April 2025.
2. EIAC shall complete the transition of all ISMS CBs no later than 31 March 2026.
3. All accredited ISMS certification bodies are required to send the followings to EIAC

between 1st January 2025 to 31 March 2025:

- i) Transition plan to address the following:
 - a) Gap Analysis
 - b) Identify the changes between new and outdated version. Typical processes considered for changes can include sales/quoting, auditing process, certification document, competence management and communication with existing certified clients.
 - c) Analyze impact of changes on relevant activities/processes and identify required actions to ensure conformance (e.g. management system/documents, and if

applicable, IT tools). Monitoring evidence of the required changes and verify ongoing implementation of the changes.

d) Training of relevant personnel affected by the changes are competent for the revised version and transition process. Personnel may include, but not be limited to, auditors, reviewers of audit reports, certification decision maker, application reviewer, planner.

e) Information of ISMS CB's necessary actions for their certified clients.

ii) Evidence of implementation of Transition plan.

iii) ISMS CBs are encouraged to plan and commence required actions at the earliest opportunity.

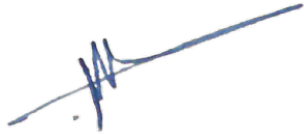
4. ISMS CB may use ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024 for all initial and recertification audits after receiving transition accreditation decision from EIAC.

5. ISMS CB must use ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024 for all clients no later than 31 March 2026.

The EIAC shall issue the revised accreditation certificate to certification body after positive transition decision.

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We wish you all the best.



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Attachment: Transition Requirements For ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024 (IAF MD 29:2024 Issue 1).



IAF Mandatory Document



TRANSITION REQUIREMENTS FOR ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024

Issue 1

(IAF MD 29:2024)

The International Accreditation Forum, Inc. (IAF) facilitates trade and supports industry and regulators by operating a worldwide mutual recognition arrangement among Accreditation Bodies (ABs) in order that the results issued by Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) accredited by IAF members can be accepted globally.

Accreditation reduces risk for business and its customers by assuring them that accredited CABs are competent to carry out the work they undertake within their scope of accreditation. ABs that are members of IAF and their accredited CABs are required to comply with appropriate international standards and IAF mandatory documents for the consistent application of those standards.

ABs that are signatories to the IAF Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA) are evaluated regularly by an appointed team of peers to provide confidence in the operation of their accreditation programs. The structure of the IAF MLA is detailed in IAF PL 3 - Policies and Procedures on the IAF MLA Structure and for Expansion of the Scope of the IAF MLA. The scope of the IAF MLA is detailed in the IAF MLA Status document.

The IAF MLA is structured in five levels: Level 1 specifies mandatory criteria that apply to all ABs, ISO/IEC 17011. The combination of a Level 2 activity(ies) and the corresponding Level 3 normative document(s) is called the main scope of the MLA, and the combination of Level 4 (if applicable) and Level 5 relevant normative documents is called a sub-scope of the MLA.

- The main scope of the MLA includes activities e.g. product certification and associated mandated standards e.g. ISO/IEC 17065. The attestations made by CABs at the main scope level are considered to be equally reliable.
- The sub scope of the MLA includes conformity assessment requirements e.g. ISO 9001 and scheme specific requirements, where applicable, e.g. ISO 22003-1. The attestations made by CABs at the sub scope level are considered to be equivalent.

The IAF MLA delivers the confidence needed for market acceptance of conformity assessment outcomes. An attestation issued, within the scope of the IAF MLA, by a body that is accredited by an IAF MLA signatory AB can be recognized worldwide, thereby facilitating international trade.

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INTRODUCTION TO IAF MANDATORY DOCUMENTS

The term “should” is used in this document to indicate recognised means of meeting the requirements of the standard. An Accreditation Body (AB) can meet these in an equivalent way. The term “shall” is used in this document to indicate those provisions which, reflecting the requirements of the relevant standard, are mandatory.

Transition Requirements for ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024

1. INTRODUCTION

All documents that provide information on transitions of normative documents will be mandatory documents to be followed by IAF MLA Accreditation Body (AB) signatories and accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs), with the scope as detailed in this document. This document is developed by an appointed Task Force of the IAF Technical Committee and in accordance with IAF PR 7 – Requirements for Producing IAF Mandatory Documents on Transitions. The document is mandatory for all IAF MLA AB signatories and accredited CABs in the information security management systems (ISMS) scheme.

This document provides transition requirements for:

Normative Document:	ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024
Replacing:	ISO/IEC 27006:2015 as well as ISO/IEC 27006:2015/Amd 1:2020 Note: When referring to ISO/IEC 27006:2015 in this document, it includes ISO/IEC 27006:2015 and ISO/IEC 27006:2015/Amd 1:2020.
Current Status (at the time of MD publication)	IS
Transition Period:	2 years (24 months) from the last day of the month of publication.

This MD was developed in accordance with the requirements of IAF PR 7 and therefore, per section 1.2.2 of PR 7, this document is not applicable where a scheme determines a specific transition process.

2. SUMMARY OF CHANGES

The main changes between ISO/IEC 27006:2015 and ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024 include but are not limited to:

- i) Refinement of the requirements for remote audits.
 - a) New requirements for deploying remote audit in 9.1.3.3.
 - b) The extent and effectiveness of applying remote audit shall be indicated in the audit report in 9.4.3.2.

- c) Removal of the requirements for obtaining approval from the AB if the remote auditing activities represent more than 30% of the planned on-site audit time.
 - d) For the client with few or no physical relevant sites, the audit report (see 9.4.3.2) and certification document (see 8.2.2) shall state that the client's activities are conducted remotely.
- ii) Updating the audit time calculation requirement (see Annex C).
 - a) Introducing the concept of persons performing certain identical activities in C.2.1 and definition of the requirement for how to determine the initial number of persons in C.3.4 accordingly.
 - b) New requirements for audit time for scope extensions in C.7.
 - c) Further clarifying the approaches of calculating audit time of multiple sites in C.6.
- iii) Updating Annex D of ISO/IEC 27006:2015 to align with the information security controls listed in Annex A of ISO/IEC 27001:2022 and transferring it as Annex E of ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024. Table D was relabeled as Table E.
- iv) Refinement of the requirements for referencing other standards in the ISMS certification documents (see 8.2.3).
- v) Removal of the redundancies with ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015. For example, clauses 5.2, 7.1.3, 9.3.2.2, and 9.4 (ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024) have been updated.
- vi) Deletion of the quantitative requirement for the work experience and training of ISMS auditors, for example, 4-year full time practical workplace experience.

3. KEY TIMESCALE

ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024 was published in March 2024. As per an IAF decision, the dates below are calculated from 31 March 2024.

Activity	Due Date
AB	
AB to be ready to assess to ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024 no later than	9 months from end of the publication month – 31 December 2024.
AB shall use ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024 for all initial (or an extension to existing) accreditation assessments no later than	12 months from end of the publication month - 31 March 2025.
AB transition of all CABs completed no later than	24 months from end of the publication month - 31 March 2026.

CAB	
CAB shall use ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024 for all initial and recertification audits after accreditation for ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024.	Date to be determined for each CAB based on its accreditation transition date.
CAB to use ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024 for all clients no later than	24 months from end of the publication month - 31 March 2026.

Note: For the clients certified before the date of accreditation transition, the CAB may use either ISO/IEC 27006:2015 or ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024 for surveillance audits after accreditation for ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024.

4. TRANSITION PROCESS ACTIONS

4.1 AB Actions

Activity	Y/N	Notes
AB's Arrangements	Y	- Plan and prepare to be ready to assess to the new version at the earliest opportunity and at latest according to set due date. - Identify the changes between new and old version. - Ensure timely communication to CABs on required transition arrangements, including any interim deadlines within the transition period. - Ensure that relevant personnel affected by the changes are competent for the revised version and transition process. - ABs are encouraged to plan and commence required actions at the earliest opportunity.
CAB Document Review	N	
CAB Technical Document Review	Y	Review of the CAB's Gap Analysis, transition/implementation plan, relevant documentation for the changes including the necessary evidence of implementation and other relevant information deemed necessary by the AB.
Is extra time likely to be needed for the transition?	Y	Minimum of 1 assessment day to confirm transition of the CAB.

Technical Assessment at CAB Head Office (on-site or remote)	IF APPLICABLE	If AB is able to review required changes and implementation by CAB as a result of the CAB technical document review, then a CAB head office assessment is not required. <i>If AB is not able to, then an office assessment is required.</i>
Witness of CAB's audit	N	
AB Transition Decision	Y	AB to make the transition decision to ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024, when all identified outstanding issues have been appropriately addressed and competence has been demonstrated.

4.2 CAB Actions

Activity	Y/N	Notes
CAB's Arrangements	Y	- Plan and prepare to submit transition arrangements to AB (in accordance with specified AB transition requirements) and be ready to apply new requirements according to the set due dates. - Complete Gap Analysis. - Develop transition plan to address the following: i) Identify the changes between new and old version. Typical processes considered for changes can include sales/quoting, auditing process, certification document, competence management and communication with existing certified clients. ii) Analyze impact of changes on relevant activities/processes and identify required actions to ensure conformance (e.g. management system/documents, and if applicable, IT tools). - Monitor the evidence of the required changes and verify ongoing implementation of the changes. - Ensure that relevant personnel affected by the changes are competent for the revised version and transition process. Personnel may include, but not be limited to, auditor, reviewers of audit report, certification decision maker, application reviewer, planner. - CABs are encouraged to plan and commence required actions at the earliest opportunity.

4.3 Other

As requirements for audit time determination have changed in the 2024 edition of ISO/IEC 27006-1, it is possible that the contract between the CAB and their existing certified clients may need to be revised.

End of IAF Mandatory Document Transition Requirements for ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024.

Further Information:

For further information on this document or other IAF documents, contact any member of IAF or the IAF Secretariat.

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