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## 1.6 Accreditation Activity

### 1.6.1 Accreditation schemes

**1.6.1.1** In accordance with Act No 23 of 98, MAURITAS offers accreditation schemes that lead to the recognition of the technical competence of calibration/testing laboratories, certification bodies and inspection bodies. The accreditation process for laboratories is described in **MAURITAS A8** 'Procedure for assessment - laboratories' and for management system certification bodies in **MAURITAS A9** 'Procedure for Preliminary Visit, Initial Assessment and Re-assessment of Certification Bodies' and **A18** 'Procedure for Assessment and Extension of scope of accredited Certification Bodies' while for product certification bodies in **MAURITAS A30** 'Procedure for assessment of product certification bodies'.

**1.6.1.2** MAURITAS uses suitable accreditation standards available internationally for the accreditation schemes as well as the relevant mandatory documents which are as per **Annex D**.

**1.6.1.3** MAURITAS shall ensure that any guidance, application or normative documents it uses have been developed by committees or persons possessing the necessary competence and with the participation of appropriate interested parties, for example relevant Technical Advisory Committees (TACs). These documents shall not contradict or exclude any of the requirements included in the relevant international standards and/or other normative documents.

### 1.6.2 Extension of Accreditation activity

**1.6.2.1** MAURITAS shall process all requests for extending our activities and operate new accreditation schemes after considering all its implications through a feasibility study.

**1.6.2.2** All aspects to be considered during the feasibility study (Human, financial resources, competence, training, views of interested parties and time scales) are detailed in **MAURITAS P9**.

### 1.6.3 Discontinuation of Accreditation scheme

**1.6.3.1** MAURITAS shall consider, the following as detailed in **MAURITAS P9**, before discontinuation of any accreditation scheme in part or in full:

- (i) views of interested parties;
- (ii) contractual duties;
- (iii) transition arrangements;
- (iv) external communication regarding the discontinuation;
- (v) information published by MAURITAS.

### 1.6.4 Cross References

**1.6.4.1** A8, A9, A18, A30 and P9.

**1.6.4.2** Annex D

**Appendix A: Amendment Table**

SN	Section	Amendment
Issue 1, Rev 5		
1.	1.6.1.1	(i) “management system” has been added before “...certification bodies” in line 4 (ii) “while for product certification bodies in MAURITAS A30 ‘Procedure for assessment of product certification bodies’” has been added at the end of the line
2.	1.6.4.1	(i) Reference to A30 has been added
Issue 2, Rev 5		
3.	1.6.1.1	(i) At line 4, title for A9 has been updated to “Procedure for Preliminary Visit, Initial Assessment and Re-assessment of Certification Bodies” (ii) At line 5, “and Extension of scope” has been added after “...Assessment” to update title for A18 (iii) At line 6, reference to A19 has been deleted.
Issue 3, Rev 5		
4.	1.6.1.1	(i) At line 6, “in fields of activities regarding system certification” has been deleted before “while...”
5.	1.6.1.3	(i) Paragraph has been re-written in line with Clause 4.6.2 of ISO/IEC 17011:2017 following nonconformity raised during internal audit (ii) At line 1, the following changes have been made: - “ensures” has been replaced by “shall ensure” - “any” has been added before “guidance” - “are” has been replaced by “it uses have been” (iii) At line 2-3, “relevant Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) with” has been deleted and “for example relevant Technical Advisory Committees (TACs)” has been added after “...interested parties” at line 3 (iv) At line 2, “committees or persons...competence and with the participation of” has been added before “interested parties...” (v) Last line of paragraph has been re-written as “The documents shall not...normative documents.”