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## ANNEX J: LEVELS OF NORMATIVE DOCUMENTS USED BY MAURITAS FOR CERTIFICATION BODY ACCREDITATION

MAURITAS shall base itself on the relevant levels of the IAF MLA structure when reviewing applications and issuing accreditation certificates and schedules for the Certification Body Accreditation Scheme.

The levels of the IAF MLA structure (henceforth referred to as 'Level(s)' to be considered by MAURITAS shall be:

**Level 1** – ISO/IEC 17011, normative document used by MAURITAS which specifies the requirements for the competence, consistent operation and impartiality when assessing and accrediting conformity assessment bodies.

**Level 2** – Accreditation activities, in which the MAURITAS has demonstrated competence to perform accreditation as specified by the IAF endorsed generic accreditation normative documents listed in Level 3. These accreditation activities are:

- Management system certification
- Product certification

**Level 3** – IAF endorsed generic accreditation normative document used by MAURITAS to assess the CB competence for each accreditation activity.

For example:

- For management system certification - ISO/IEC 17021-1;
- For product certification - ISO/IEC 17065.

**Level 4** – IAF endorsed sector specific normative documents, used by MAURITAS, in combination with the generic normative document listed in Level 3 to assess the CB competence in the relevant sector.

For example:

(a) Normative document to be used in combination with ISO/IEC 17021-1:

- For certification of Quality Management Systems (QMS) - ISO/IEC 17021-3;
- For certification of Food Safety Management Systems (FSMS) - ISO 22003-1;
- For certification of Information Security Management Systems (ISMS)- ISO/IEC 27006-1.

**Level 5** – IAF endorsed conformity assessment normative document used by CBs.

For example:

(a) Normative document used by Management System Certification Bodies:

- For certification of Quality Management Systems (QMS) - ISO 9001;
- For certification of Environmental Management Systems (EMS) - ISO 14001;
- For certification of Food Safety Management Systems (FSMS) - ISO 22000;
- For certification of Information Security Management Systems (ISMS) - ISO/IEC 27001.

**Appendix A: Amendment Table**

SN	Section	Amendment
Issue 1, Revision 5		
1.	Level 1	- Added reference to “Level 1, ISO/IEC 17011.... accrediting conformity assessment bodies.”
2.	Level 2	- Added reference to “Level 2 – Accreditation activities,... Product certification”
3.	Level 4	- One additional bullet “For certification of Quality Management Systems (QMS) - ISO/IEC 17021-3” has been added - Removed reference to GLOBALG.A.P.
4.	Level 4	- Removed reference to GLOBALG.A.P.