

To
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Object: Statement regarding European-wide recognition of accreditation

ACCREDIA is the Accreditation Body appointed by Italy and a bilateral signatory to the EA Multilateral Agreement (EA MLA / BLA) for the accreditation of conformity assessment bodies.

The objective of the EA MLA is to facilitate the free movement of goods and services and eliminate technical trade barriers by creating acceptance and confidence in accreditations provided by national accreditation bodies and in conformity assessment activities delivered by accredited conformity assessment bodies (laboratories, certification, verification and inspection bodies).

The Agreement is managed and controlled by the European co-operation for Accreditation (EA) which is the body designated by the European Commission pursuant to Regulation (EC) 765/2008 and is based in a process of peer evaluations amongst EA members.

On the basis of Regulation (CE) 765/2008, article 11, paragraph 2, only the National Authority shall:

- a) recognize the equivalence of services rendered by ABs which have successfully undergone the peer evaluation in accordance with article 10;
- b) accept the accreditation certificates issued by ABs as above;
- c) accept the attestations issued by accredited CBs in accordance with Regulation (CE) 765/2008.

Article 11 – Presumption of conformity of NABs

1. the conditions set by article 8 are deemed satisfied by National Accreditation Bodies which, having successfully undergone the peer evaluation in accordance with article 10, demonstrate their conformity with the criteria set out in the relative harmonized standard, the reference for which is published in the official Gazette of the EU.
2. the national authorities recognize the equivalence of the services rendered by ABs which have successfully undergone the peer evaluation in accordance with article 10 and they accept, on the basis of the presumption as per paragraph 1 of the present article, the accreditation certificates of such bodies and the attestations issued by CBs holding their accreditation.

In the light of this, we recommend always to check acceptance of the certificate by authorities or the marketplace.

Saying that, based on the Agreement ACCREDIA has confidence in the accreditation system operated by TUNAC and considers that the accreditation system operated by TUNAC is equivalent to ACCREDIA accreditation system.

Under the EA MLA certificates/reports issued by Institut de Certification Méditerranéen I.C.M. accredited by TUNAC which is also a bilateral signatory to the EA MLA are accepted by ACCREDIA as being as reliable as any comparable certificates/reports that have been issued by certification bodies accredited by ACCREDIA.

However, for the IAF code 28 QMS scheme (ISO 9001 in construction field), Institut de Certification Méditerranéen I.C.M. is not recognized by ACCREDIA in order to issue ISO 9001 certifications in conformity to the Technical Regulation RT-05, (according to the Italian law - see Determinazione n°11/2003 of 14 May 2003 of Consiglio dell'Autorità per la Vigilanza sui lavori pubblici).

Multilateral Agreement does not establish in any case that accreditation of Institut de Certification Méditerranéen I.C.M. by one of the signatories means any kind of implicit accreditation by the rest of the signatories. Therefore, the present letter does not imply that ACCREDIA "validates" "recognizes" or "approves" the CAB accredited by another signatory, thus any possible claim about its performance or information about its accreditation must be treated exclusively with the body that has accredited it.

Kind regards.

THE DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT
(Mr. Emanuele Riva)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Riva', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Under the EA MLA certificates/reports issued by **Institut de Certification Méditerranéen ICM** accredited by TUNAC which is also a bilateral signatory to the EA MLA are accepted by ACCREDIA as being as equally reliable as any comparable certificates/reports that have been issued by laboratories / certification- / verification- / inspection bodies accredited by ACCREDIA.

Note 1: Only reports/certificates issued by accredited <laboratories / certification- / verification- / inspection bodies> covered by the EA MLA bearing the accreditation symbol of the national accreditation body or a traceable reference to the accredited status of the <laboratory / certification- / verification- / inspection body> are accepted as equally reliable and giving the same level of confidence.

Note 2: ACCREDIA is also a signatory to the ILAC Arrangement and/or the IAF MLA and will also promote the acceptance of certificates/reports issued by conformity assessment bodies accredited by signatories to the ILAC Arrangement and/or the IAF MLA.

However, with reference to IAF code 28 QMS according to the the Italian law “Determinazione dell’Autorità di Vigilanza sui Contratti Pubblici” n. 11/2003 of 14th May 2003, the certification body Institut de Certification Méditerranéen ICM is not recognized by ACCREDIA.

Kind Regards.

Emanuele Riva
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