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1 Object and field of application

- 1.1 The object of this document is to define the criteria for accreditation of inspection bodies. Bodies seeking JAS-ANZ accreditation shall satisfy the requirements of ISO/IEC 17020:2000 and the guidance notes provided in IAF/ILAC-A4:2004 – Guidance on the Application of ISO/IEC 17020 (Enclosure 1), which forms part of this document. The guidance notes have been prepared jointly by the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and may be jointly amended from time to time by the IAF and ILAC.
- 1.2 Accreditation in compliance with ISO/IEC 17020:1998 and the IAF guidance acknowledges that bodies possess the necessary competence and reliability to perform inspections, and operate a conformity assessment system and will thereby facilitate their acceptance or recognition on a national and international basis.
- 1.3 In the event of conflict between the requirements of this document and that of the referenced normative documents, the requirements of this document will take precedence.

2 References

- 2.1 ISO/IEC 17020:2000 – General criteria for the operation of various types of bodies performing inspection.
- 2.2 IAF/ILAC-A4:2004 – Guidance on the Application of ISO/IEC 17020

3 Enclosures

- 3.1 IAF/ILAC-A4:2004 – Guidance on the Application of ISO/IEC 17020

4 Definitions

- 4.1 As a general rule, definitions of ISO/IEC 17000 are applicable.

5 Transition Policy

- 5.1 Procedure 14 Issue 4 was based on IAF GD 20 – IAF Guidance on the application of ISO/IEC 17020:1998, which has been withdrawn. Unlike other fields of conformity assessment, accreditation of Inspection bodies is provided by both IAF and ILAC members and as a consequence a joint guidance document has been agreed and published as IAF/ILAC A4 – Guidance on the application of ISO/IEC 17020. IAF/ILAC A4 does not differ in content to IAF GD 20 and therefore no transition time is required.