

IAF CABAC

5 April 2019 17:00-19:30

Hilton Mexico City Reforma, Mexico City

Minutes

- IAT Task Forces and Working Groups leading into IAF Technical Committee (6 & 7 April 2019)
 - MS Certification Working Group: Issues with IAF Technical Committee Discussion Papers were raised (see later notes); issues were raised around MD 11.
 - Person Certification Working group: No issues of significance.
 - Forest Working Group: No-one from IAF CABAC in attendance.
 - Conformity Assessment Schemes Task Force: Still much debate and lack of decision on the way forward. Fundamental issue over the output paper being voluntary or mandatory. Consensus is a long way from being achieved, made worse by poor and inconsistent leadership. The timing of the comment period is poor as it comes after the meeting when logic would have dictated it came before. Close observation of discussion in the IAF Technical Committee will be important.
 - APG (EMS) Working Group: This is meant to be a joint IAF/TC 207 meeting but no one from TC 207 joined the meeting. The Group is in need of re-energising.
 - Competence of AB Assessors & Experts Task Force: Stakeholder involvement in analysis of AB competence may be introducing, which could include CB input.
 - ISMS MLA Scope and ITMS Working Group: ISO 27552 new standard could be added to the MLA scope so it wasn't just ISO 27001; discussion on potential revision of ISO 27006 which could be positive opportunity for CBs to have better requirements.
 - GHG and Energy Working group likely to change to Validation and Verification WG reflecting the forthcoming publication of ISO/IEC 17029.
 - Medical Devices Working Group: the disposition of comments from the last consultation period is drawing to a close, with vote for publication anticipated as the next step.
 - Product Working Group: Discussion Paper to put IAF Resolution on hold was rejected. A planned Workshop did not happen but may be held at the October 2019 IAF/ILAC Joint Annual meetings; continued discussion on impartiality with ILAC looking to suggest changes to ISO CASCO documents.
 - Fraudulent Behavior Task Force: MD 7 will be rewritten in light of this work, aiming at greater ability for ABs to suspend CBs engaged in fraudulent behaviour; whilst not fraudulent, some ABs have reported removing CBs accreditation, only for other IAF member ABs to offer them new accreditations after very short time periods. ML top raise at IAF Executive.
 - Food Working: In signs of improving relationship between IAF and GFSI, GFSI came to IAF for the first time to ask for IAF involvement in revising their Benchmarking Requirements (Version 8); issues still remain in ISO 22003

looking to resolve issues between ISO/IEC 178021-1 and ISO/IEC 17065 schemes; Skip also explained the IAAR auditor apprenticeship program

- **IAF Technical Committee Discussion Papers**
Further processes are needed within the IAF system for IAF Technical Committee Discussion Papers. Before then, one thing IAF CABAC associations can do is coordinate their own submissions so the whole of an association discusses and agrees a Discussion Paper before it is submitted. Other improvements suggested were:
 - Papers should also propose a solution to aid debate and decision-making
 - European Accreditation's Certification Committee has a task group which produces a draft response, helping with the debate and decision-making. Similar to a CASCO maintenance group; IAF could adopt this
 - Add a filter to the eligibility of Discussion Papers, rejected any that do not meet a set of criteria
 - A corporate member is needed, e.g. a managed area on the IAF website, so previous decisions can be used to help with new Discussion Papers
 - Need a better consistency forum to be able to have Discussions more of the time.

ML to discuss the above with Steve Keeling.

- **Transitions Workshop and MD**
The main issue remaining is that of unaccredited certificates at the beginning of the transition process when ABs are not in a position to accredit. This needs to be resolved in the Transitions MD.
- **Impartiality**
There continue to be an increasing number of forums where impartiality is being discussed and debated. The IAF CABAC agreed that the IAF CABAC community should maintain a dialogue about all of these different forums to ensure all are aware of the activities.

The group agreed that rather than attempting to draw all of these activities together into one large, strategic activity, each activity – whether from IAF, EA or wherever else – is judged individually.

- **IAF CertSearch**
The issue of MLA signatory status has been raised by some IAF member ABs. The resolution will be to require ABs to offer main Scope ISO/IEC 17021-1 accreditation

Some concerns were raised over the IATF announcement that they would use IAF CertSearch to validate tier 2 ISO 9001 certifications. It was felt this could create some liability issues.

- **Next meeting**
22 October 2019 17:45 – 20:00, Intercontinental, Frankfurt

- **Attendees**

Alex Stoichitoiu	IQNet
Alister Dalrymple	IQNet
Guillaume Gignac	IIOC
Ivan Savov	EFAC
Leo Omodeo-Zorini	IIOC
Lisa Brandon	DQS – Guest
Manuela Held	IIOC
Marcus Long	IIOC
Paul Moliski	IFIA
Pedro Alves	IQNet
Pierre Salle	IAAR
René Wasmer	IQNet
Ryuichi Hirakawa	JACB
Skip Greenaway	IAAR
Steve Williams	IIOC
Shigeru Morikawa	JACB
Wayne Terry	ABCB
Yuki Nagaoka	JACB