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Our ICCAC International Standard Guideline for:

Industry & Commercial Certification, Validation & Accreditation by ICC Accreditation Center (ICCAC)

ICCAC Standard Guidelines for Industrial & Commercial is based on Standards and Guidelines as set by **European Accreditation (EA)**. Base on the following:

1. Our Accreditation is a **third party, impartial and independent process to assess that an organization is competent to perform specific tests, inspections, measurements and certifications**. By using accredited services, businesses can demonstrate compliance with standards and regulations. The benefit includes:
 - a. Accreditation provides confidence in certificates and conformity attestations. It underpins quality of results by ensuring traceability, comparability, validity and commutability.
 - b. Using accredited services provides market differentiation.
 - c. It is objective proof that a product or service is compliant and safe because it meets the relevant specifications.
 - d. Accreditation helps businesses to reduce costs, increase productivity and access new markets. It also helps to build customer confidence.
 - e. Make it easier and less expensive to export and access new markets because once tested or certified by an accredited body, there should be no need to re-test or re-certify a product for foreign markets.
2. Our Accreditation is the result of an assessment which:
 - is carried out impartially;
 - is objective, transparent and effective;
 - uses highly professional competent assessors and technical experts in all relevant fields.

ICCAC regularly re-assessed to:

- ensure they are keeping pace with technical and regulatory changes in their area of expertise,
 - maintain their standards of work.
3. ICCAC is in accordance with EA **Harmonization** in accreditation practices based on EA Multilateral Agreement (EA MLA), the work of the EA technical committees, continuous discussions and experience sharing amongst EA Members. Stakeholder and market feedback are also regularly taken into consideration. Accreditation is the international stamp of approval that “tested once” means “accepted everywhere”.



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4. ICCAC **conformity** assessment is: “Demonstration that specified requirements relating to a product, process, system, person or body are fulfilled” (definition in EN ISO/IEC 17000:2004 *Conformity assessment – Vocabulary and general principles*).
5. In the field of **accreditation**, the impartiality rule requires that the ICCAC be impartial in making a decision on accreditation. It means that the ICCAC shall not have any conflict of interest with the body applying for accreditation, and that the ICCAC shall not be subject to any other pressure of a commercial or financial nature. In practice, impartiality also means that the accreditation decision shall be made by persons different from those that conducted the assessment. As such, accreditation must be operated under the following conditions:
 - a. In compliance with Government regulations with a recognized mandate from the government
 - b. With complete independence and impartiality
 - c. With full accountability towards all interested parties, with no single interest or group of interests predominating
6. **Cross-frontier accreditation** refers to the principles for cooperation between ICCAC in the accreditation process when accreditation is granted by a foreign Accreditation Body i.e. by an Accreditation Body that is not the local Accreditation Body.
7. **ICCAC Objective** - We are in a changing economy in a global environment, with a growing need for accreditation. Our objective is to strengthen all interested parties’ confidence in accreditation and develop ICCAC into a professional, efficient service provider serving the industry. Our objectives is based on 3 areas:
 - a. **Strategy:** Develop accreditation and improve the offer of conformity assessment services in close cooperation with European regulators and interested parties
 - b. **Operational:** Be the main forum for all parties for exchanging and sharing expertise so as to position EA as the technical reference to develop schemes underpinned by accreditation and meeting market needs
 - c. **Supportive:** Make the necessary organization available, serving the Members in their daily accreditation business and development
8. **ICCAC Mission: We are committed to ensuring confidence in accredited conformity assessment results through the harmonized operation of accreditation activities in support of national global economies.** It means that ICCAC needs to:
 - Define and build consistency in accreditation globally with the common interpretation and application of the standards used by all its offices worldwide Members;
 - Ensure transparency in the operations and results provided by its offices;
 - Maintain a multilateral agreement on mutual recognition between accreditation activities and reciprocal acceptance of accredited conformity assessment services;
 - Manage a peer-evaluation system consistent with international practices;
 - Act as a technical resource on matters related to implementation;



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- Cooperate with the any government and government agencies in meeting their standards and requirements.
 - Develop accreditation criteria and guidelines supporting harmonization.
9. ICCAC share the vision that our accreditation practice shall be a reference in the world for accreditation, enabling an open and global market for competitive business and providing reassurance to consumers in a sustainable society. To achieve its vision, ICCAC has defined three objectives:
- Good governance to deliver consistent and sustainable results.
 - Close cooperation with regulators and stakeholders to strengthen accreditation at national and international level.
 - Continue to develop accreditation to support innovation and growth in existing and new areas.
10. ICCAC commit to share the its core values to support implementation of ICCAC Strategy and enable all its representative office to speak with “one voice” and reach the strategic objectives of ICCAC. This is based on our 4 core values:
- a. **We are harmonized**
 - Transparent in our rules and actions
 - Coordinated in word and deed
 - Accessible both internally and externally
 - Having and promoting a common understanding of National Accreditation Bodies (NAB) promise to the market and society
 - b. **We are responsible**
 - Involving and listening to regulators, industry and other stakeholders
 - Loyal and dedicated and work for the public interest
 - Proactive
 - Maintaining our integrity
 - c. **We provide confidence**
 - Establishing consistent deliverables
 - Open, impartial and independent
 - Non-discriminating
 - Practicing what we preach
 - Democratic
 - d. **We are competent**
 - Efficient and professional
 - Using our resources
 - Exercising leadership
 - Supporting development and innovation
 - Continuously improving