Accreditation Scheme for Management System Certification Bodies

Ensuring certification activities in Singapore are up to standard

The Accreditation Scheme for Quality Management System Certification Bodies was launched in October 1996 to maintain the standard of certification activities in Singapore.

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Since then, there are other related programmes launched such as the Accreditation programmes for:

- Environmental Management System Certification Bodies
- Occupational Safety and Health Management System Certification Bodies
- Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point - based Food Management System Certification Bodies
- Food Safety Management System Certification Bodies
- Certification of Good Distribution Practice for Medical Devices
- Business Continuity Management Certification Bodies
- Learning Service Providers
- Energy Management System Certification Bodies
- Water Efficiency Management System Certification Bodies
- Multi-Tiered Cloud Computing Security Certification Bodies
- End of Life ICT Equipment Certification Bodies

The accreditation programmes provide formal recognition of the integrity and competence of certification bodies. These certification bodies are also able to benchmark their practices against that of other certification bodies.

International acceptance

As a member of the Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA) for Quality Management System of both the Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (PAC) and the International Accreditation Forum (IAF), certificates issued by SAC accredited certification bodies are recognised worldwide by MLA members across more than 50 economies.

Accreditation criteria

Certification bodies must meet specific international or national standards, and SAC requirements in order to be accredited. The accreditation criteria are as follows:

- ISO/IEC 17021 *Conformity Assessment - Requirements for Bodies Providing Audit and Certification of Management Systems*
- ISO/TS 22003 *Food Safety Management Systems – Requirements for Bodies Providing Audit and Certification of Food Safety Management Systems*
- Applicable IAF Mandatory Documents
- Applicable SAC CT Documents

The certification bodies will be assessed based on their independence, integrity and technical competence. Management system certification bodies must demonstrate their ability to audit the organisations' management systems against the requirements of international and national standards such as ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 22000, SS 506: Part 1 and/or Part 3 and etc.

Certification bodies which are keen on accreditation may approach the SAC Secretariat or visit the SAC website at www.sac-accreditation.gov.sg for more information.