IAS-Accredited and Applicant Product Certification Agencies

IAS TRANSITION TO ISO/IEC STANDARD 17065:2012 POLICY
(Revised November 12, 2014)

This policy applies to all IAS-accredited product certification agencies (PCAs) and covers the following aspects in the transition process to ISO/IEC Standard 17065:2012 Conformity assessment – Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services.

IAS-accredited PCAs are required to comply with the requirements of this policy to maintain accreditation by IAS. This policy is based on the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) Resolution 2012–09 – Transition Period for ISO/IEC 17065 which states:

“The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that the transition period for ISO/IEC17065:2012 be three years from the date of publication. Note: The date of publication was 15 September 2012.”

This IAS Transition Policy is effective August 1, 2013. From this date forward, all IAS-accredited and applicant PCAs will be assessed against ISO/IEC Standard 17065:2012. During the transition period, IAS assessors will identify areas of noncompliance, if applicable, with the new standard and cite them as Concerns. To maintain accreditation, all IAS-accredited PCAs are required to resolve Concerns based on ISO/IEC Standard 17065 no later than July 1, 2015.

Availability of Accreditation Documents
All IAS-accredited PCAs are required to obtain a copy of the new international standard which may be purchased from relevant standard bodies, including the International Code Council Bookstore:
http://shop.iccsafe.org/catalogsearch/result/?order=relevance&dir=desc&q=iso+17065

Assessment, Training and Documentation Notes
• All noncompliance(s) raised in assessments conducted during the transition period against requirements in the new standard that are also noncompliance(s) against the previous 1996 version (ISO Guide 65) will require corrective actions within 30 days of the assessment.

• PCAs should provide their complete, revised management system documentation addressing all new requirements of ISO/IEC 17065:2012 prior to their next assessment. After July 1, 2015, management system documentation demonstrating compliance with the new standard becomes mandatory to maintain IAS accreditation.
• IAS will be scheduling training events and online webinars on the new standard. Please consult the IAS website regularly for training dates and venues.

• All IAS PCA assessors will be provided with training on the new standard prior to conducting assessments.

• Until PCAs have demonstrated compliance with the requirements of ISO/IEC 17065:2012, they will be issued a certificate indicating accreditation to ISO/IEC Guide 65. All IAS accreditation certificates based on ISO/IEC Guide 65 will expire on July 1, 2015.

• PCAs that have not demonstrated full compliance with ISO/IEC Standard 17065:2012 by July 1, 2015, are subject to suspension and removal of the accreditation certificate from the IAS website until compliance is demonstrated.

**Accreditation Criteria**
The current IAS Accreditation Criteria for Product Certification Agencies (AC370) has been revised as part of IAS’s due diligence relative to the transition. AC370 has undergone relevant editorial changes with respect to the new standard and, except for new requirements in ISO/IEC Standard 17065, no additional requirements have been added.

**IAS Personnel Training**
To facilitate the transition process, IAS staff and assessors will receive training on the requirements of ISO/IEC Standard 17065:2012. Training will also include guidance on the IAS Transition Plan and a detailed overview of ISO/IEC 17065 so that assessors will be able to answer your questions. Assessor training will also include any new or revised administrative tools (e.g., forms, checklists, procedures, etc.) as required.

**Stakeholder and Client Engagement**
All on-going communication and updates critical to the successful conclusion of the transition to ISO/IEC 17065:2012 will be posted on the IAS website: [www.iasonline.org](http://www.iasonline.org).

**Contact information**
Further information can be obtained by contacting IAS at [info@iasonline.org](mailto:info@iasonline.org).