

POLICY ON THE USE OF IAS ENDORSEMENT IN RESTRICTED ZONES BY IAS ACCREDITED ORGANIZATIONS

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 International Accreditation Service (IAS) is a U.S based accreditation body and is required to adhere to the requirements set forth by the United States government for conducting services in foreign countries.

2.0 Purpose

- 2.1 This document describes the requirements for the printing of IAS symbol and/or any other associated logos or marks on accredited certificates issued by accredited Management System Certification Body (MSCB) Conformity Assessment Bodies' (CABs) and/or their certified clients.
- 2.2 The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the US Department of the Treasury administers and enforces economic and trade sanctions based on US foreign policy and national security goals. The Presidents of the United States may from time to time issue Executive Orders which require sanctions on countries such that U.S.-based companies are not permitted to provide direct or indirect services to specific countries or with organizations associated with any US targeted group(s).
- 2.3 These Executive Orders by the Presidents of the United States is available at [Sanctions Programs and Country Information | U.S. Department of the Treasury](#)

3.0 Requirement

- 3.1 The listed countries in section 2.3 above are known to have low safety and high security risks which can impact the proper functioning of IAS assessments, assessors and prevent IAS from having adequate oversight once IAS accreditation or the CAB's certification is granted.
- 3.2 Due to varying travel advisories, U.S. Executive Orders and safety concerns which pose a risk to the integrity of the accreditation process, IAS accredited CABs are not permitted to issue IAS accredited-certifications in these countries using the IAS and IAF symbol or mark.
- 3.3 These restrictions currently apply to any certifications issued with the IAS symbol in locations listed under the U.S. Sanctions Program in countries or regions where the 'ACTIVE SANCTIONS PROGRAMS' are in operation. Accredited CABs are required to evaluate the sanctions, interpret and act accordingly.
- 3.4 Sanctions Program webpage (refer to section 2.3 of this policy).

Note: The countries listed on the U.S. Sanctions Program webpage of the Department of the Treasury [Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC)] are subject to change and CABs must review the website regularly to ensure that changes in U.S. national policies are understood.

4.0 Actions Required by IAS Accredited CABs

- 4.1 Where CABs have already issued certificates carrying the IAS symbol, these must be immediately re-issued without the IAS symbol, mark or logo (refer to section 5.1 for more details).
- 4.2 Update the IAF CertSearch Database if there are any changes to the number of accredited certifications.
- 4.3 Certified clients of accredited CABs are not permitted to use the IAS or IAF symbol, logo or mark on any material including client marketing media, client websites, product packaging etc. This further applies to all certifications in restricted or non-restricted zones. Certified clients must clearly be informed of this requirement by accredited CABs.

5.0 Actions Permitted for IAS Accredited CABs

- 5.1 IAS accredited CABs issuing certifications in restricted zones listed in the OFAC website (refer to section 2.3 of this policy) are not permitted to use the IAS symbol or IAF mark on their certificates, however CABs may make a statement on their certificate as follows:
"<Name of CAB> is accredited by IAS for the scope and sub scopes described in this certificate."
- 5.2 Accredited CABs may continue to make claims of their IAS accreditation in marketing material circulated within these restricted locations.
- 5.3 Administrative action will be considered against any CAB found not to be following the requirements of this policy, as identified during IAS assessments or by other means