

## NEW IAF MANDATORY DOCUMENT FOR SANCTIONS (IAF MD 7:2010)

The International Accreditation Forum (IAF) has published a new document, *IAF MD7:2010 - IAF Mandatory Document for Harmonising of Sanctions to be applied to Conformity Assessment Bodies*, the document was issued on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

This document is mandatory for the consistent application of Clause 7.13 of ISO/IEC17011:2004 and SANAS implemented it from the date of issue. The intention of this document is to clarify the situations where the sanctions shall be applied to applicant or accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) and the subsequent necessary communication which shall be taken by ABs.

The sanctions in this document are not only applicable to the scope of the IAF MLA but also to any other IAF accreditation activities, not just the management system certification.

In each of the situations mentioned in the document that lead to suspension or withdrawal of accreditation and after any appeal decision in accordance with the AB's appeals procedures, all ABs that are signatories of IAF are required to notify the IAF Secretariat of this decision and the reasons. The IAF Secretary shall then communicate the decision and status to all IAF Member ABs. The *IAF MD7:2010* document is available on the IAF website: [www.iaf.nu](http://www.iaf.nu) under publications → 6. Mandatory Documents (MD Series)

## TRANSITION PERIOD FOR ACCREDITATION OF POINT OF CARE TESTING (POCT)

During the 13<sup>th</sup> ILAC General Assembly held on 20 October 2009, the ILAC Resolution GA 13.25 was adopted. The General Assembly resolved that when accrediting Point of Care Testing (POCT) units, the following applies with a transition period of two years from 20 October 2009 to 19 October 2011;

1. All parts of ISO 15189 shall be covered (with the exception of exempted clauses as indicated in ISO 22870) when accrediting POCT using ISO 22870,
2. The certificate of accreditation shall refer to both ISO 15189 and ISO 22870.

SANAS will follow the procedure on the transition to the new standard as from the 01<sup>st</sup> January 2011.

## SEASONS GREETINGS

SANAS Board, Management and Staff would like to thank all our stakeholders for their valuable contribution during 2010 and anticipates another year of growth and accomplishment in 2011.

We would also like to take this opportunity of wishing our stakeholders and their loved ones a prosperous, safe and joyous festive season.

**Please note that our Offices will be closed from Friday, 24 December 2010 and will re-open on Monday, 03 January 2011**

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