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The Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) Council has recently published a new *PEFC chain of custody standard (PEFC ST 2002:2010)* and a second edition of the *PEFC Logo usage rules (PEFC ST 2001:2008 v2)*.

The PEFC ST 2002:2010 and PEFC ST 2001:2008 v2 standards were published on 26 November 2010 and are available at the PEFC Council website: ([www.pefc.org](http://www.pefc.org)). It is understood that there is a one year transition period until 26 November 2011 after which all certification bodies shall carry out any certification, recertification or surveillance audit against the new standards (without the necessity to carry out an extraordinary audit).

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### SANS 17043 PUBLISHED

The Conformity assessment - General requirements for proficiency testing standard - SANS 17043 has been published and it is also available for sale at the South African National Standards information services department.

This new standard was written to improve and replace Guide 43 Parts 1 & 2. Proficiency testing schemes and Interlaboratory comparisons are widely used for several purposes, and their use is increasing internationally.

This Standard was prepared by the International Standards Organization (ISO) ISO Committee on conformity assessment (CASCO) and approved and subsequently published as ISO/IEC 17043 on 1 February 2010.

At the 13th ILAC General Assembly resolution GA13.27 was passed, this approved the use of ISO/IEC 17043 for accreditation from the date of publication and endorsed the withdrawal of ILAC G13 and ISO/IEC Guide 43 for accreditation purposes effective 2 years after the publication of ISO/IEC 17043.

Currently all SANAS accredited proficiency testing (PT) service providers have been evaluated against

ISO/IEC 17043, after a gap analysis was conducted to bridge the old requirements of ISO/IEC Guide 43 to the new requirement encapsulated in ISO/IEC 17043. As from 2011 onwards all assessments will be conducted against the new standard. Organizations meeting the revised requirements will then be issued with revised accreditation certificates making reference to the new standard.

SANAS no longer accepts application against the ISO Guide 43 in combination with ILAC G13. The proficiency testing STC has been involved in the preparation of the new SANAS checklists to be used by the assessors during the assessment of PT providers and these are due to be published by SANAS.

By February 2012 all accredited PT providers are required by ILAC to have completed the change to the new standard.

**For further information on the Standard, and to purchase the standard please contact:**

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