

Publication of IAF ID 3:2011

In September IAF members voted on and approved the draft IAF ID 3:2011 Informative Document for Management of Extraordinary Events or Circumstances Affecting ABs, CABs and Certified Organisations. The published document is now available in the Publications section of the IAF website under Informative Documents.

In a normal business environment, every organisation is continuously exposed to opportunities, challenges and risks. However, extraordinary events or circumstance beyond the control of the organisation happen. Under such circumstances, CABs should have a process for the proper maintenance of accreditation and certification.

IAF ID 3:2011 is primarily applicable for management systems certification, and provides guidance on the appropriate course of action in a crisis situation. It is, however, not intended to override requirements in standards or schemes. Where a standard or scheme provides no flexibility, regardless of the crises that have occurred, guidance and an agreed way forward should always be sought from SANAS or the scheme owner.

This document will be implemented on 8 November 2012, one year following the date of publication.

Joint Declaration on Metrological Traceability signed

On 9 November 2011 BIPM, OIML, ILAC and ISO signed a joint Declaration on Metrological Traceability. This builds on the tripartite statement issued by BIPM, OIML and ILAC on 23 January 2006 on the relevance of various international agreements on metrology in trade, legislation and standardisation.

This declaration supports an international measurement

system that provides an accepted framework within which users can have confidence in the validity and acceptability of measurement results.

The four bodies request that legislators and regulators refer to the arrangement and accept measurement results made within the system. This declaration is available on the ILAC website under <http://www.ilac.org/partnerships.html>

Medical testing

ILAC recently published a new brochure, ISO 15189 Medical Laboratory Accreditation, which explains how accreditation can demonstrate the competence of medical laboratories and ensure the delivery of timely, accurate and reliable results.

Accredited medical laboratories are encouraged to distribute this brochure through their communication channels through the following link on the ILAC website: http://www.ilac.org/prom_brochure.html

