

American Society Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Addenda

Inspection Body representatives are urged to take note of the following revision of ASME Codes as published by the Alberta Boiler Safety Association in their newsletter:

“ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code - The 2011 addenda to the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code were released on July 1st, 2011. Instead of issuing the addenda as pages for insertion into the 2010 edition of the Code as in the past, the addenda will be incorporated

into the Code and ASME will provide everyone who purchased a copy of a Section of the 2010 edition of the Code, with a free copy of the same Section with the 2011 addenda incorporated.

ASME also announced that there will be no addenda service in 2012 and in all future years. A new edition of the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code will be published in 2013 and from then on, a new edition of the Code will be published every two years.”

Use of the IAF Multilateral Recognition Arrangements Mark in Association with Product Certification

Since the introduction of the Product Multilateral Recognition Arrangements (MLA) in 2004, the Product MLA has been known as a “framework” MLA based on ISO/IEC Guide 65, as there were no common product certification schemes or product standards recognised by the IAF. Even though the Product MLA was a framework MLA, the IAF MLA Mark was allowed to be used on certificates of conformity, implying equivalence. However it has been recognised that this is misleading in the context of product certification. As a consequence, the revision and publication of IAF ML 2:2011 General Principles on Use of the IAF MLA Mark **precludes the use of the IAF MLA Mark on product certificates.**

Recognising the significance of the changes in the use of the IAF MLA Mark in the activity of product

certification, the IAF has introduced a relatively long transition period associated with the changes in the use of the IAF MLA Mark. The following transition arrangements apply:

- a) SANAS requires all CABs with whom we have a sub-license covering product certification to immediately cease including the combined IAF/SANAS mark on product certificates.
- b) A four year transition period ending 29 April 2015 will apply to allow CABs to withdraw all product certificates that include the combined IAF/SANAS mark.

CABs are advised to consult the revised R77 “Use of Combined Marks” for more information on using the combined IAF/SANAS mark.

