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ISO/IEC 17021-1: 2015 Transition Arrangements

ISO/IEC 17021-1 2015 was published on 8th June 2015 to replace ISO/IEC 17021:2011 which was subject to systematic review and revision. International Accreditation Forum (IAF) has also published an updated version of IAF MD5 – Determination of Audit Time of Quality and Environmental Management Systems.

[ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015](#), *Conformity assessment – Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems*, Part 1: will replace ISO 17021: 2011. This standard relates to the competence of certification bodies themselves and their auditors. It applies to the auditing and certification of all types of management systems in order to raise the bar on Management system certification. These will result in the need for Certification Bodies (CBs) to implement changes within their management systems and processes in order to maintain KENAS accreditation in the future.

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify the Certification Bodies that KENAS has a transition policy which will enable each certification body's accreditation to be transferred to the new standard within an internationally agreed timeframe.

Resolution 2014-12 was passed by the IAF General Assembly in Vancouver on 15 October 2014 endorsing a 2 year transition period for the implementation of ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015. This means that all Management Systems Certification Bodies will need to have successfully transferred to the new standard within 2 years from the publication date, i.e. 8th June 2017.

IAF informative document ID11 *Information on the Transition of Management System Accreditation to ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 from ISO/IEC 17021:2011*, provides further information

http://www.iaf.nu/upFiles/IAFID11_ISO170211TransitionPublicationVersion06032015.pdf

KENAS will inform the certification bodies on the details for the transition soon.

More can be found here:

www.iso.org/iso/home/news_index/news_archive/news.htm?refid=Ref1972