



National Accreditation Scheme

Transition Policy from MSZ EN ISO/IEC 17021:2011 to MSZ EN ISO/IEC 17021-1:2016

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Introduction

This policy regulates the transition of the National Accreditation Authority (hereinafter referred to as NAH) from MSZ EN ISO/IEC 17021:2011 to MSZ EN ISO/IEC 17021-1:2016.

1. International requirements

Pursuant to the ID 11-2015 document of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF), organisations accredited for management system (MS) certification must prepare for fulfilling ISO/IEC 7006:2015 requirements after the passage of 2 years calculated from the date of publication of the standard.

ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 was published on 15 June 2015.

Accordingly, as from 15 June 2017, only those MS certification bodies can be deemed to be accredited in whose case an accreditation body will have confirmed by this deadline that their certification activities fulfil requirements laid down in ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015.

Accredited statuses and accredited documents related to compliance with MSZ EN ISO/IEC 17021:2011 will lose effect as of 15 June 2017.

NAH will integrate into its own accreditation scheme; apply in its own procedures; and enforce against bodies accredited by it IAF's rules.

MS certifiers can prove consistency of their certification activities with ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 (MSZ EN ISO/IEC 17021-1:2016) within the scope of annual surveillance audits falling due, accreditation proceedings or unscheduled surveillance audits.

2. Rules pertaining to the deadlines of NAH procedures

When evaluating compliance with MSZ EN ISO/IEC 17021-1:2016, NAH will proceed as follows by the deadlines laid down in international requirements; Act CXXIV 2015 on National Accreditation; Government Decree 424/2015 (23 December); and Act CXL 2004 on the General Rules of Administrative Proceedings and Services:

2.1 NAH will commence assessing compliance with MSZ EN ISO/IEC 17021-1:2016 as from 01 March 2016.

2.2 NAH will admit requests for accreditation and reaccreditation made after 01 March 2016 only for certification activities under MSZ EN ISO/IEC 17021-1:2016.

2.3 In surveillance procedures requested as from 01 March 2016, NAH will only assess MS certification activities for consistency with MSZ EN ISO/IEC 17021-1:2016. **Assessment will take by way of documentation reviews; local visits and surveillance audits applied in combination.** It can make an exception if the accredited certification body makes a declaration that it does not wish to shift to MSZ EN ISO/IEC 17021-1:2016.

2.4 MS certification bodies whose next scheduled surveillance or reaccreditation procedure cannot be safely concluded by 14 June 2017 will be notified by NAH that they can request assessment of their compliance with MSZ EN ISO/IEC 17021-1:2016 in an unscheduled surveillance audit.

2.5 An unscheduled surveillance audit may be requested until 01 February 2017. In the case of requests made after this deadline, NAH will not be able to guarantee completion of assessment by 14 June 2017.

2.6 In the event of failure to meet the above deadlines, NAH will not be in a position to ensure that MS certification bodies fulfil MSZ EN ISO/IEC 17021-1:2016 requirements by the deadline set by IAF.

2.7 NAH will withdraw accredited statuses certifying consistency with MSZ EN ISO/IEC 17021:2011 and granted with validity dates falling after 14 June 2017 as of 15 June 2017.

3. Tasks of management system certification bodies

3.1 The head of the organisation certifying accredited management systems must make a declaration by 29 February 2016 as to whether it shifts to MS EN ISO/IEC 17021-1:2016 requirements.

3.2 In order to ensure smooth transition, it is advisable that MS certification bodies draw up a transition plan and send the same to NAH for consultation before applying for the next surveillance audit.

4. Closing provisions

4.1 This policy is issued by the NAH General Director by way of General Director's Instruction no 21/2016.

4.2 This policy will enter into effect as of 22 August 2016 and, due to the transition deadline, expire as of June 15 2017.

4.3 This General Director's Instruction will be deemed to be published by appearance on NAH's website (www.nah.gov.hu).