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1. General notes


ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 Conformity assessment – Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems – Part 1: Requirements was published on 15/06/2015 by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

The **transition period** for conversion to the new standard ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 has been determined by IAF together with ISO/CASCO to be **two years from the date of publication of the standard**, i.e. **14 June 2017**. By that date, existing accreditations based on ISO/IEC 17021:2011 **must** be adapted to the new standard.

Generally, DAkkS will implement the conversion to the new ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 in the context of a regular assessment at the office of the certification body in combination with a document review and will grant the accreditation as an extension, insofar as nonconformities found are resolved.

2. Procedure

- a. **Applications for initial accreditation, amendment/extension and re-accreditation** of certification bodies who offer audits and certifications of management systems will only be processed pursuant to the new standard ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 from **1 November 2015** (incoming mail Zentrale Antragsverwaltung – ZAB – DAkkS Berlin).
- b. Assessments for the conversion of existing accreditations based on ISO/IEC 17021:2011 in the context of annual surveillance start on **1 March 2016** and require early application three months before the planned inspection date. The additional duration for the conversion in the context of an assessment for surveillance is 0.5 days.
- c. Upon confirmation of the application, the customer manager will prompt the certification body to submit a **transition plan**. DAkkS expects the certification bodies to consider the information according to Section 3 of the document **IAF ID11:2015** in the planning of the conversion to ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015.
- d. No later than **four weeks prior to an assessment** according to the new ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015, the certification body makes available a self-assessment based on the completed checklist 72 CL 001.x_17021 (http://www.dakks.de/doc_zm) and the complete QM documentation.

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- e. To ensure that an accreditation based on ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 can be granted before the end of the transition period, the assessment must be **completed no later than 30 April 2017** and non-conformities must be corrected. The date for assessing the new ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 will be agreed upon by the DAkKS customer manager and the certification body after receipt of the application.

3. Note

All rules based on ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 can only be applied upon granting, amending or converting the accreditation to the new standard by DAkKS.

4. Referenzen

- a. IAF - Information on the Transition of Management System Accreditation to ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 from ISO/IEC 17021:2011 (IAF ID 11:2015)