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1.6 Accreditation Activity

1.6.1 Accreditation schemes

1.6.1.1 In accordance with Act No 23 of 98, MAURITAS offers accreditation schemes that lead to the recognition of the technical competence of calibration/testing laboratories, certification bodies and inspection bodies. The accreditation process for laboratories is described in **MAURITAS A8** 'Procedure for assessment - laboratories' and for certification bodies in **MAURITAS A9** 'Procedure for assessment - certification bodies', **A18** 'Procedure for Assessment of accredited Certification Bodies' and **A19** 'Procedure for Extension of Scope of Accreditation in fields of activities regarding system Certification'.

1.6.1.2 We use suitable accreditation standards available internationally for the accreditation schemes as well as the relevant mandatory documents which are as per **Annex D**.

1.6.1.3 We ensure that our guidance, application or normative documents are developed by either relevant Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) with appropriate interested parties or persons possessing the necessary competence. These TACs ensure that documents developed are not in contradiction with the requirements that are prescribed in International Standards and/or other Normative Documents.

1.6.2 Extension of Accreditation activity

1.6.2.1 We will process all requests for extending our activities and operate new accreditation schemes after considering all its implications through a feasibility study.

1.6.2.2 All aspects to be considered during the feasibility study (Human, financial resources, competence, training, views of interested parties and time scales) are detailed in procedure **MAURITAS P9** 'Procedure for extension of accreditation activity'.

1.6.3 Cross References

1.6.3.1 A8, A9, A18, A19 and P9.

1.6.3.2 Annex D