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Procedure for voluntary
reduction/withdrawal of accreditation

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Foreword

The MAURITIUS ACCREDITATION SERVICE (MAURITAS) is a governmental body established in 1998 to provide a national, unified service for the accreditation of Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) such as calibration/testing laboratories, certification bodies and inspection bodies. Organizations that comply with the MAURITAS requirements are granted accreditation by MAURITAS.

About MAURITAS publications

MAURITAS publications are categorized as follows:

- R series Publications containing general policy and requirements related to MAURITAS accreditation.
- G series Publications providing guidance on MAURITAS requirements.
- A series Publications related to assessment procedures.
- P series MAURITAS quality system procedures
- F series MAURITAS Forms
- Directories Classified listing of accredited organizations.

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Procedure for voluntary reduction/withdrawal of accreditation

1 Purpose

1.1 This procedure shall outline steps to be followed when a CAB wishes to reduce or withdraw its accreditation voluntarily.

2 Scope and Responsibilities

2.1 As accreditation is voluntary, an accredited CAB is free to voluntarily reduce its schedule or withdraw accreditation at any time.

2.2 CABs that have been found to have non-compliances of such a magnitude as to require suspension or withdrawal may choose to voluntarily reduce their schedule or withdraw accreditation. Although the fact of voluntary withdrawal is public knowledge, the reasons behind it are not and hence the CAB may suffer less loss of prestige in this way.

2.3 The Director shall be responsible for handling all voluntary reduction/withdrawal of accreditation.

3 References

3.1 MAURITAS Act 1998

3.2 Finance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act No.10 of 2017 Section 32

3.3 MAURITAS A Series documents

3.4 MAURITAS P Series documents

3.5 MAURITAS R Series documents

4 Definition

4.1 Accreditation

Accreditation is a third-party attestation related to a CAB conveying formal demonstration of its competence to carry out specific conformity assessment tasks.

4.2 Reduction

Reduction is the action of cancelling part of the scope of accreditation.

4.3 Withdrawal (also referred to as 'Termination' in MAURITAS Act 1998):

Withdrawal is the cancelling of accreditation for the full scope.

5 Procedure

5.1 When a CAB indicates in writing that it wishes to voluntarily reduce its schedule or withdraw accreditation the accreditation shall be reduced or withdrawn as appropriate. Reduction of schedule or

withdrawal in these cases are purely administrative procedures requiring no decision by the Accreditation Committee.

5.2 The Director shall then inform the CAB that the accreditation has been reduced or withdrawn as appropriate and the date of reduction or withdrawal. In case of withdrawal, the CAB shall be required to return its accreditation certificate and schedule and to cease any use of MAURITAS symbol/combined mark where relevant and any implication of having an association with MAURITAS.

5.3 In case of withdrawal, MAURITAS shall remove all reference to the CAB from its website and reserves the right to be able to make publicly available information about the withdrawal or reduction of the CAB.

5.4 In case of reduction of schedule, MAURITAS shall re-issue an updated schedule of accreditation and the CAB shall immediately cease to use the MAURITAS accreditation symbol/combined mark, where relevant, on reports implying that it holds accreditation for those tests/calibrations activities which have been removed from the schedule.

5.5 The CAB shall inform its clients that are affected by the withdrawal that it is no longer accredited (Certification Bodies must ensure that their clients are no longer using the MAURITAS accreditation symbol) and that a copy of this information shall be forwarded to MAURITAS.

6 Related Forms