



ACCREDITATION RULE 8

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PREFACE

Some certification bodies (CBs) offer single-source certification (management systems integration) of multiple management systems to organizations that want to integrate similar elements of their various management systems. Organizations want to have available to them a single certification process capable of addressing all certification needs concurrently. To that end, this Accreditation Rule covers issues CBs shall consider in offering, managing, and auditing single-source certification.

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1. When offering single-source certification, the CB shall take into account commonalities among the management systems, considering the size of the organization, the types of activities and products, the organization's culture, and the effectiveness of interfaces between the various management systems.
2. The CB shall audit compatibility between the management systems with regard to the shared elements.
3. The CB shall demonstrate that the single-source audit satisfies all requirements for certification of each respective management system program.
4. The CB shall have documented procedures describing how these audits will be coordinated and conducted.
5. The CB shall demonstrate that the quality of the audit is not adversely affected by combining audits.
6. The organization's documentation shall clearly describe the respective management systems and make clear the relationship, interfaces between each, and commonalities of the multiple management systems.
7. CB certification records shall clearly identify all single-source certifications and the specific versions of the standards used.