



## **ACCREDITATION RULE 14**

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**SUBJECT:** Combined Use of ANAB and IAF MLA Marks

**APPLIES TO:** ANAB-Accredited and Applicant Certification Bodies

### **PREFACE**

This Accreditation Rule is to inform certification bodies (CBs) accredited by ANAB how to gain authorization to use the IAF MLA mark in combination with the ANAB accreditation mark.

### **ACCREDITATION RULE**

ANAB is a signatory of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA) for QMS and EMS. ANAB is licensed by IAF to use the IAF MLA mark and to authorize its accredited CBs to use the IAF MLA mark.

CBs accredited by ANAB for QMS and/or EMS may be authorized by ANAB to use the IAF MLA mark in combination with the ANAB accreditation mark in accordance with the following:

1. IAF MLA License Agreement-CBs;
2. IAF General Principles on Use of the IAF MLA Mark;
3. ANAB Accreditation Rule 4, Conditions for Use of the ANAB Name and Accreditation Mark; and
4. This ANAB Accreditation Rule.

Each CB should contact its ANAB client coordinator and request the IAF MLA Mark License Agreement. If possible, the CB should sign the form using an electronic signature and return it to its client coordinator. If the CB cannot sign the form electronically, it should print a hard copy, sign it, and scan or fax it to its client coordinator.

Upon execution of the licensing agreement by both the CB and ANAB, the CB may use the IAF MLA mark on its certificates for ISO 9001 and/or ISO 14001, and may also use it on its Web site and other documents, subject to the conditions in the referenced documents.

Additional ANAB rules are as follows:

1. The IAF MLA mark may not be used until after the licensing agreement is executed by the CB and ANAB.
  - a. Upon execution, ANAB will send the CB an executed copy of the agreement and an electronic copy of the IAF MLA mark.
2. The IAF MLA mark may be used only in conjunction with an ANAB accreditation program for which ANAB is an IAF MLA signatory, which is for ISO 9001 and ISO 14001.
  - a. The IAF MLA mark may be used on certificates for any of the sector standards when the certificate is also for ISO 9001 or ISO 14001.
  - b. The IAF MLA mark may not be used on certificates for any of the sector standards such as RCMS, SFI, etc., if the certificate is not also for ISO 9001 or ISO 14001.

3. ANAB certificates of accreditation will be updated to indicate the date the CB has been authorized to use the IAF MLA mark.

Note: IAF ML 2:2004, General Principles on Use of the MLA Mark, can be downloaded from the IAF Web site [www.iaf.nu](http://www.iaf.nu): Click on "PUBLICATIONS," then click on "3. Multilateral Recognition Arrangement Documents (ML Series)" to find IAF ML 2.