



ACCREDITATION RULE 19

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SUBJECT: Requirements for Accredited Certification Bodies Certifying Aerospace Suppliers to AS9003:2001

APPLIES TO: ANAB-Accredited and Applicant QMS Certification Bodies

PREFACE

The aerospace industry developed the Aerospace Standard, SAE AS9003, Issued 2001-10, Inspection and Test Quality System. The Americas Aerospace Quality Group (AAQG) intended for this standard to be used for the certification of suppliers to the aerospace industry. The certification program was under the control of the Registration Management Committee (RMC) of AAQG. The requirements for accreditation bodies and certification bodies (CB) were stated in SAE AIR5359B. With the publication of SAE AS9014, Issued 2006-07, and its effective implementation on 2007/01/01, the AAQG RMC is no longer managing certification to AS9003.

At the request of some members of the aerospace industry, ANAB has agreed to continue offering accreditation of certification bodies for AS9003. The requirements as stated in this Accreditation Rule are based on the requirements that were in SAE AIR5359B.

ACCREDITATION RULE

The CB shall be accredited for ISO 9001 and for AS9100, shall operate its audit and certification program in accordance with the applicable requirements for accreditation as a CB for ISO 9001 and for AS9100, and conform with accreditation requirements for AS9003:2001, as follows:

1. Audit days shall be in accordance with the applicable IAF guidance for ISO 9001 audits.
2. The CB shall have and use an appropriate checklist (produced by the CB and incorporated within its management system documentation) for documenting conformance to AS9003:2001.
3. In addition to the applicable requirements for accreditation as a CB for ISO 9001:2000 and SAE AS9100B, certificate documents shall conform with the following requirements:
 - a. Statement of conformity of the suppliers Inspection and Test Quality System to SAE AS9003:2001.
 - b. The certification documents shall not reference ISO 9001:2000 or SAE AS9100B.
 - c. All certificates shall include a scope stating: "Inspection and testing related to [the product]."
4. The audit team shall be composed of auditors with the competence needed for the technological and industrial sector in which its client operates. The audit team leader shall have current valid approval as an AS9100 AEA as shown in OASIS and, in addition, be an RABQSA-certified or -approved AS9003 Aerospace Experience Auditor. Other audit team members shall be RABQSA-certified or -approved AS9003 AEAs or AS9003 Aerospace Auditors (AAs).
 - a. In addition to any other requirements of RABQSA, to be approved for AS9003, an AEA or AA shall have successfully completed AS9003 training. The training may be performed off-site or by self-study. A test shall be given to record successful completion of the training.

- b. The CB shall provide written objective evidence to RABQSA that a particular auditor has passed the CB stipulated AS9003 training.
5. The CB shall complete the applicable ANAB application for accreditation.
6. ANAB shall review the application and, if acceptable, recommend accreditation.
7. The accreditation decision shall be made by an accreditation committee of the ANAB Accreditation Council.