



## ACCREDITATION RULE 26

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**SUBJECT:** Geographic Limitations of ANAB-Accredited Certification

**APPLIES TO:** ANAB-Accredited Certification Bodies (CBs)

### PREFACE

The President of the United States issues Executive Orders whereby U.S.-based companies are restricted in dealing with certain countries or with organizations connected to certain countries' governments. Therefore, there are certain countries in which ANAB will not allow ANAB-accredited certificates to be issued. Executive Orders can be found at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/orders/> [www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/executive-orders](http://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/executive-orders).

ANAB, as a U.S.-based company, is also prohibited by U.S. law from any trade with Cuba directly or through any other party. For more information, see <http://www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/programs/cuba/cuba.shtml>.

There are also countries where there are unacceptable safety and security risks for ANAB assessors that would prevent ANAB from providing appropriate oversight. When this is the case, ANAB may partner with another accreditation body (AB) so that AB can assist ANAB in providing oversight of the CB. However, there are some countries where it is not safe for ANAB assessors or the assessors of another AB; ANAB will not allow a CB to issue ANAB-accredited certifications in these countries. Security risks that affect travel can be found at <http://travel.state.gov/>.

### ACCREDITATION RULE

1. As a result of Executive Orders issued by the President of the United States, a CB shall not issue any ANAB-accredited certifications of sites in Syria, Iran, or North Korea.
2. As a result of U.S. law prohibiting trade with Cuba, a CB shall not issue any ANAB-accredited certifications of sites in Cuba.
3. Because of travel advisories and safety concerns, a CB shall not issue any ANAB-accredited certifications of sites in Afghanistan or Iraq.
4. ANAB shall monitor implementation of this Accreditation Rule through the certification totals outlined on ANAB's Web site and during assessments.