



# Heads Up

Issue: 15

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To: ANSI-RAB NAP Accredited Registrars and Accreditation Auditors

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Re: The Effective Date on a Registration Certificate

This issue of Heads Up is related to issue 08 of 2003/02/05.

This issue was discussed at the IAF Technical Committee meeting in February 2003. Although the ANSI-RAB NAP position was stated in Heads Up issue 08, the discussion paper on this topic was from Mr. Borzek of TGA, not the ANSI-RAB NAP. However, the IAF Technical committee affirmed the position that had been taken by the ANSI-RAB NAP.

The wording in the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting is:

Mr. Borzek introduced the paper and received general support for clarifying that the future effective date of granting a certificate should be the date of decision, not the date of the audit report. Since implementation of this would need changes in software by some certification bodies, time would be necessary for the introduction of the change. It was agreed, therefore, that it should be introduced into the current revision of the Guidance documents (for accreditation bodies as well as for management system certification bodies) allowing the usual one-year transition period from approval.

The ANSI-RAB NAP QMS Council discussed this issue on 2003/04/25 and decided that the ANSI-RAB NAP will continue to apply the guidance in the way was stated in Heads Up issue 08.