



# Heads Up

Issue: 113

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To: ANAB Accredited and Applicant CBs and Accreditation Auditors

From: Randy Dougherty, Vice President of Accreditation

Re: Accredited Certification Bodies and ISO/IEC 17025

This is to inform ANAB-accredited CBs of a resolution that was taken at the IAF-ILAC Joint General Assembly in October 2007 regarding certification bodies that also certify laboratories to ISO/IEC 17025.

## **JGA Sydney Resolution 7 – Certification to accreditation standards:**

The IAF and ILAC Joint General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the JCCC, resolves that when a Conformity Assessment Body (CAB), accredited by an Accreditation Body (AB), is providing certification to any standard used as a basis for accredited CABs (e.g. ISO/IEC 17025 or ISO 15189), the AB shall initiate its process for suspension of accreditation, as this behaviour of the CAB will put the AB, against its will, in the condition of providing the same service that a CAB performs, in violation of clause 4.3.6 of ISO/IEC 17011. Further decisions shall be based on the actions taken by the CAB.

All IAF and ILAC members shall include a suitable provision on such possibility in their contracts with CABs.

Note: It is accepted that a CAB may have to assess subcontractors to confirm that they meet the CAB's requirements, which may include accreditation standards e.g. ISO/IEC 17025. Documentation issued to subcontractors as a result of a successful assessment should clearly state that this is only for the purposes of the subcontract and is not certification or accreditation in accordance with ISO/IEC 17011.

ANAB will revise its contract to be in accordance with this resolution.

Please note that it does not matter if the certificate issued by the CB is accredited or not; if the CB is accredited and doing it, the AB is expected to suspend the CB.

Any ANAB accredited certification body that is certifying laboratories to ISO/IEC 17025 should promptly contact me to agree upon a plan for exiting this business. I can be contacted as follows:

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With the exception of any CB that has an agreement with ANAB for exiting any such business, ANAB will apply this resolution and will initiate suspension of any ANAB-accredited CB that is certifying to an accreditation standard, including ISO/IEC 17025.

The resolutions can be downloaded from the IAF Web site at [www.iaf.nu](http://www.iaf.nu). Click on "Annual Meeting" to find the resolutions of the IAF 21st annual meeting.