



Heads Up

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To: ANSI-RAB NAP Accredited Certification Bodies (CBs) and Accreditation Auditors

From: Randy Dougherty, Director of Registrar Accreditation

Re: Licensing Agreement for CBs to Use the IAF MLA Mark

This is official notice that ANSI-RAB NAP accredited QMS certification bodies (CBs) may be licensed and authorized to use the IAF MLA Mark.

This is a landmark achievement. Tom Arnold, as a representative of the IAAR, played a key role in this achievement.

While it will be necessary for ANSI-RAB NAP to revise its rules (as an advisory or as revised procedures) to formally incorporate this change, in order to give our accredited CBs immediate opportunity to use the IAF MLA Mark, I am informing all of you of the opportunity, as well as of some rules in addition to those of IAF, with this Heads Up.

Upon execution of the licensing agreement by both the CB and ANSI-RAB NAP, a CB may use the IAF MLA Mark on its registration certificates for ISO 9001: 2000, and may also use it as well as on its website and other documents, subject to the conditions in the licensing agreement and in IAF ML2: 2004, General Principles on Use of the IAF MLA Mark.

The additional rules of ANSI-RAB NAP are as follows:

1. The IAF MLA Mark may not be used until after the licensing agreement is executed by the CB and ANSI-RAB NAP.
 - a. Upon execution, ANSI-RAB NAP 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 ISO 9001: 2000 because ANSI-RAB NAP is a signatory of the IAF MLA for QMS only.
 - a. The IAF MLA Mark may not be used on registration certificates for any of the sector standards such as QS-9000, AS9100, TL9000, or ISO13485.
3. The ANSI-RAB NAP certificate of accreditation will be updated to indicate the date the CB has been authorized to use the IAF MLA Mark.

Attached is a copy of the licensing agreement, in an electronic format, for the CB to add its name and address. The CB may sign it electronically and return it, or print a copy, sign it, and return it by fax and mail. Note: IAF ML 2:2004, General Principles on Use of the MLA Mark, can

be downloaded from the IAF website at www.iaf.nu. Click on publications, then click on item 3 ML series documents, to find IAF ML 2: 2004

Upon receipt, the licensing agreement will be signed and executed by the ANSI-RAB NAP.

Please note that any agreements for execution will need to be received by the ANSI-RAB NAP by Friday evening, 2004/09/24, or processing will be delayed until after 2004/10/18 because of the IAF meetings being held in Cape Town, South Africa.