



Scope:

The purpose of the cross-border policy is to define the provisions necessary to the strengthening of cooperation among accreditors of different countries.

Reference:

Decree No 05-466 of 04 Dhou El Kaada 1426 establishing ALGERAC;
ISO/CEI 17011 :2017 Conformity assessment - General requirements for bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies;
EA-2/13 M :2012 EA cross-border accreditation policy, and procedure for cross-border cooperation between EA members
ILAC-G21-2012: Cross-frontier accreditation- principles for avoiding duplication

Terms :

NAB: National Accreditation Body
FAB : Foreign Accreditation Body
LAB :Local Accreditation Body
CAB : Conformity Assessment Body
EA : European Cooperation for Accreditation
ILAC: International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation

Policy:

In our move towards mutual recognition at EA and ILAC, and so as to reinforce proximity among accreditors of different countries; ALGERAC, as an associate member of both EA and ILAC, is committed to complying with cross-border accreditation principles in line with EA and ILAC requirements.

The cross-border accreditation cooperation principle shall not only allow accreditors to avoid duplicated accreditation in a given country, but also serve as a platform for exchanging professional experience, and accept calibration testing reports and certificates provided by CABs accredited by a recognized accreditation body.

- a) **In this respect, a foreign accreditation body (FAB) cannot be involved in the business of accreditation in ALGERIA unless:**
1. The FAB is a signatory member of the mutual recognition agreement set by EA or ILAC regarding conformity assessment activities relevant to the scope for which accreditation is sought FAB has the required competence in the scope for which accreditation is sought.
 2. CAB may, for some strategic reasons, wish to be granted a foreign accreditation certificate, or be part of a group wanting their laboratories or inspection bodies to be accredited by the same accreditor.
 3. CAB's clients requiring some specific kinds of accreditation.

Consequently, FAB should take the following measures:

- Informing the CAB of the existence of a national accreditation body (ALGERAC), and of all the necessary measures cooperating with it (ALGERAC), and convincing that CAB that it would be economical to get accredited by ALGERAC.
- Providing a quality service through the use of the necessary specific competence taking into consideration our national context (for example: the working language, the law, local regulations, technical competence requirements, etc.)



- Getting in touch with ALGERAC to seek advice regarding the appropriate accreditation requirements, and/or as far as possible :
 - The Foreign Accreditation Body (FAB), should seek from ALGERAC any useful information regarding the applicant,
 - Use the technical staff to carry out an assessment;
 - Or invite them to be present during an assessment as a WITNESS.

When the cross-border accreditation request is acceptable, FAB as a signatory member of EA/ILAC/IAF should follow the following steps:

- Getting ALGERAC informed about the on-site assessment,
- Proposing to ALGERAC to take part in the accreditation assessment,
- ALGERAC having confirmed its participation, FAB gets notified,
- FAB accepts ALGERAC as a witness,
- Otherwise, carrying out an assessment jointly with ALGERAC by preparing the assessment through the following steps:
 - ✓ After acceptance of the CAB, FAB should get the approval of its client to share with ALGERAC the data collected during the assessment,
 - ✓ FAB, together with ALGERAC, shall prepare the surveillance plan for the CAB on the basis of the assessment results.

Likewise, the same requirements mentioned above shall apply to ALGERAC in the event it carries out a cross-border accreditation.

- b) In the event the CAB seeking accreditation from ALGERAC has sites situated abroad which are scenes for activities related to the accreditation request, it is necessary to directly collaborate with LAB, or subcontract the activity from a body recognized by EA, ILAC, or IAF in the sector involved.

A cooperation contract between ALGERAC and LAB shall be established in line with the cooperation modes dependent on the circumstances specific to the accredited body, and according to the type of the sites to be assessed in accordance with EA-2/13 annex attached to this policy:

- 1.The (critical) site is a body accredited by the LAB in an application area identical to ALGERAC accreditation;
- 2.The (critical) site is a body accredited by the LAB in a different application area;
- 3.The critical site is not a body accredited by the LAB.

In the event the local body refuses to cooperate with ALGERAC, ALGERAC shall directly carry out the assessment.

This operation is based on an agreement protocol regarding subcontracted assessments, and not on the decision-making process.



Annex according to document mandatory EA-2/13

Conditions to be defined	Type of site with key activity to be assessed		
	1. The site with key activity = a CAB accredited by the Local AB for an identical scope	2. The site with key activity = a CAB accredited by the Local AB for a different scope	3. The site with key activity = not accredited by the Local AB
Assessment cycle	Cycle of the Local AB (the assessment is part of the Local AB assessment) If the Foreign AB under whose accreditation the site is being assessed uses a more stringent requirement, the more stringent requirement applies, unless otherwise agreed with the local AB.	Cycle of the Local AB (the assessment is performed during the assessment of the Local AB) If the Foreign AB under whose accreditation the site is being assessed uses a more stringent requirement, the more stringent requirement applies, unless otherwise agreed with the local AB.	Cycle of the Foreign AB (assessment by the Local AB dedicated solely to the foreign accreditation scope)
Assessment content of the site on behalf of the Foreign AB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Files and records under FAB accreditation - Witnessing as defined by the FAB for the activities under the foreign accreditation - Any additional requirements of the Foreign AB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key activities as defined by the Foreign AB in line with IAF/ILAC A5 - Files records under FAB accreditation - Witnessing as defined by the FAB for the activities under the foreign accreditation - Any additional requirements of the Foreign AB 	



<p>Output of the assessment to be provided to the Foreign AB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment results to be reported immediately when a major noncompliance has been detected, which may influence the scope of accreditation - assessment report to be provided within the time frame stated in the agreement between the ABs - statement on how findings have been closed, if these are closed by the Local AB according to the agreement - Decision or confirmation of decision of the local AB on its local accreditation of the site (granting, surveillance, renewal) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment results as soon as possible, or as stated in the agreement between the ABs - Assessment report within the time frame stated in the agreement between the ABs - statement on how findings have been closed, if these are closed by the Local AB according to the agreement - statement on how findings have been closed, if these are closed by the Local AB according to the agreement
<p>Information to be provided to the Local AB by the foreign AB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report of the last head office assessment - Any specific additional requirements or activities to be particularly assessed by the Local AB - Any requirements from regulators which may have an impact on the activities of the foreign site when accreditation is being granted for the purposes of notification - Full scope of the activities which can be performed by the local site under the multisite accreditation - Detailed description of the scope to be assessed, including any sector schemes - Surveillance plan for the site over the full accreditation cycle - Global surveillance plan, if necessary - Global witnessing plan, if necessary 	
<p>Planning to be elaborated by the Foreign AB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Global planning for all assessments to be done during the accreditation cycle so that the Local AB can plan its resources. For that purpose the FAB will have to have some type of global planning of its sampling process so that the Local AB has an approximate understanding of what will be expected of it concerning resources. There will always be last minute changes but on an overall basis it is important that the LAB has an understanding of what it is expected to deliver. -At least 3 months before the start of the calendar year the FAB shall confirm the plan for the coming year. 	

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