

## POLICY ON THE RESTRICTED USE OF IAS ENDORSEMENT BY ACCREDITED ORGANIZATIONS

### 1.0 Introduction

1.1 International Accreditation Service (IAS) is a U.S based accreditation body and is required to adhere to the requirements set forth by the United States government for conducting services in foreign countries.

### 2.0 Purpose

2.1 This document describes the requirements for the printing of IAS logo and/or any other associated IAS logos or marks on accredited certificates issued by accredited Management System Certification Body (MSCB) Conformity Assessment Bodies' (CABs) and/or their certified clients.

2.2 The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the US Department of the Treasury administers and enforces economic and trade sanctions based on US foreign policy and national security goals. The President of the United States may from time to time issue Executive Orders which require sanctions on countries such that U.S.-based companies are not permitted to provide direct or indirect services to specified countries or with organizations associated with any US targeted group(s).

2.3 These Executive Orders by the President of the United States is available at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/executive-order/>

### 3.0 Requirement

3.1 The listed countries in this section are known to have low safety and high security risks which can impact the proper functioning of IAS assessments, assessors and prevent IAS from having proper oversight once IAS accreditation or CAB's certification is granted.

3.2 Due to varying travel advisories, Executive Orders, safety concerns and risks posed to the integrity of the accreditation process, IAS accredited CABs shall not issue IAS-accredited certifications in these countries with the IAS and IAF logo or mark.

3.3 These restrictions currently apply to any certifications issued with the IAS logo in locations listed in the Appendix to this policy.

**Note:** The countries listed in the Appendix are subject to change.

### 4.0 Actions Required by IAS Accredited CABs

4.1 Where CABs have already issued certificates carrying the IAS logo, these must be immediately re-issued without the IAS logo.

4.2 Inform IAS immediately on the total number of accredited-certifications and unaccredited-certifications issued by your CAB.

4.3 Update the IAF CertSearch Database with the revised number of accredited and unaccredited certificates.

4.4 Clients of accredited CABs in restricted zones are not permitted to use the IAS or IAF logo/marks.

4.5 Administrative action will be considered against any CAB not in compliance with this policy as identified during IAS assessments or by other means.

### 5.0 Actions Permitted for IAS Accredited CABs

5.1 CABs accredited by IAS issuing certifications in restricted zones (as listed in the Appendix) of this policy are permitted to make a statement as follows:

*"<Name of CAB> is accredited by IAS for the scope and sub scopes described in this certificate."*

5.2 Accredited CABs may continue to make claims of their IAS accreditation in marketing material circulated within these restricted locations.

5.3 Accredited CABs may issue certifications without the IAS logo or mark.

## APPENDIX

Conformity Assessment Bodies operating in any of the following countries listed below are not permitted to issue accredited certifications with the IAS or IAF logo/mark:

- Afghanistan
- Cuba
- Iran
- North Korea
- Syria

The countries listed above are subject to change as decided by IAS in concurrence with the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC).