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**TO THE MEMBERS OF CASCO AND ORGANIZATIONS IN LIAISON**

Your ref.  
Our ref. CASCO 07/2010

Date 2010-01-26

**INTERPRETATION REQUEST – ISO/IEC 17011 CLAUSES 8.3.1, 8.3.2 d, 8.3.2 e.**

Dear Sir or Madam,

In accordance with CASCO interpretation procedure (QS CAS-PROC/025) and CASCO plenary resolution 12/2009 please find below a request for interpretation submitted by an ISO member body. The CPC have reached a consensus on the interpretation and it is provided below.

CASCO members are requested to review the consensus result of the CPC and to indicate if you are in favor or against the proposed interpretation for each question. Please note that there are two parts to question 1.

Your vote (in favor or against) cannot be made dependant on any comments being accepted. The balloting form does not contain any information on the conditions or motivations for the CPC consensus result as this is given below.

The electronic ballot will be initiated on 2010-01-28 with a closing date of 2010-02-26.

**CONSENSUS RESULT OF CPC****Question 1.**

*Does 8.3.1, 8.3.2 d or 8.3.2 e require an accreditation body to require a CAB to provide to the CAB's customers:*

- a) information on a withdrawal of an accreditation of the CAB or*
- b) consequences of the withdrawal of an accreditation of the CAB?*

**Result for question 1 a)**

*Clauses 8.3.1, 8.3.2d and 8.3.2e DO NOT require an accreditation body to require a CAB to provide to the CAB's customers information on a withdrawal of an accreditation of the CAB.*

**Result for question 1b)**

*Clauses 8.3.1, 8.3.2d and 8.3.2e DO NOT require an accreditation body to require a CAB to provide to the CAB's customers consequences of the withdrawal of an accreditation of the CAB.*

**Conditions to the answers for Q 1a and b.**

*Clauses 7.13.1 and 8.3.1 allow the accreditation body the opportunity to specify procedures for the protection of accreditation symbol and for withdrawal. Depending on*

*the type of conformity assessment body these procedures may differ. These Accreditation body specific procedures could be open to challenge as additional requirements to the standard. Clause 8.3.2 c may also have an impact on this interpretation should the CAB continue to use the logo in their material.*

*It was further noted that IAF and ILAC have produced mandatory application requirements specific to these clauses. These mandatory application requirements can be found in IAF/ILAC MLA/MRA: Application of ISO/IEC 17011 M8.3.2.1 available from the IAF and ILAC websites ([www.iaf.nu](http://www.iaf.nu) or [www.ilac.org](http://www.ilac.org).)*

**Question 2**

*Does any text in 8.3.2 restrict the requirements in that section to only accreditation of certification bodies (bodies carrying out certification of management systems, products, processes, services or personnel) as opposed to all CABs (see ISO/IEC 17011 3.10)?*

**Result for question 2**

*Clause 8.3.2 does NOT restrict the requirements in that section to only accreditation of certification bodies (bodies carrying out certification of management systems, products, processes, services or personnel) as opposed to all CABs.*

**Motivation**

*Clause 8.3.2 is applicable to all conformity assessment bodies which can be accredited using ISO/IEC 17011 for all fields of conformity assessment.*

I would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,



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