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**Accreditation Assessment of Management System Certification Bodies  
Operating in Multiple Countries**

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## 0. FOREWORD

This document serves as a supplement to GAS.MCB-01:2025 and establishes requirements for management system certification bodies operating beyond the territory of a single country. All general GAS requirements remain applicable unless explicitly stated otherwise in this document.

## 1. SCOPE OF APPLICATION

This document applies to management system certification bodies that:

- have branches, representative offices, or permanent auditors in two or more countries;
- conduct certification, surveillance, or recertification audits outside the country of primary accreditation;
- intend to obtain or extend GAS accreditation for international operations.

The document establishes requirements for:

- management of the international network;
- competence of personnel;
- traceability and control of activities conducted abroad;
- use of GAS accreditation status in the international environment.

## 2. NORMATIVE AND REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

This document shall be used in conjunction with the following international standards and internal GAS documents. Where the referenced documents are revised or updated, the latest valid editions shall apply.

International Standards:

- **ISO/IEC 17021-1:2023** Conformity assessment — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems — Part 1: Requirements;
- **ISO/IEC 17011:2017** Conformity assessment — Requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies.

Internal GAS Documents:

- **GAS.MCB-01:2025** — Accreditation Criteria for Management System Certification Bodies (baseline document applied in conjunction with this standard);
- **GAS.G-02** — Policy on the Use of Marks and References to GAS Accreditation.

## 3. TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

The terms and definitions provided in GAS.MCB-01:2025 “Accreditation Criteria for Management System Certification Bodies” and in ISO/IEC 17021-1 apply to this document.

## 4. REQUIREMENTS

### 4.1 Organizational Management

The certification body shall:

- maintain a centralized management system that applies to all countries;
- ensure uniformity of procedures, policies, and records;
- have a single official central office (accreditation center).

### 4.2 Personnel Competence

The certification body shall:

- appoint auditors competent in the legislation, language, and cultural context of the respective country;
- maintain a register of international auditors;
- ensure qualification verification regardless of geographical location.

### 4.3 Control of Activities

The certification body shall:

- ensure traceability of all decisions and audits in each country;
- conduct internal audits and management reviews covering the entire international network;
- maintain centralized recordkeeping.

### 4.4 Use of the GAS Logo and Status

The certification body shall use the GAS accreditation mark consistently in all countries, in accordance with document GAS.G-02.

### 4.5 Oversight of International Activities

The GAS Accreditation Agency shall conduct oversight of the certification body's international activities through:

- analysis of documented information and records related to activities conducted abroad;
- witness observations of audits performed by the certification body outside its country of origin;
- inspection of the body's branches or representative offices in cases of increased risk.

Oversight shall be carried out taking into account the scale of activities and the risks that may affect confidence in GAS certification.

## 5. FINAL PROVISIONS

5.1 This document is mandatory for all management system certification bodies that operate within the territories of multiple countries.

5.2 The requirements of this document shall be applied in conjunction with GAS.MCB-01:2025 “Accreditation Criteria for Management System Certification Bodies” and the relevant procedures of the Accreditation Agency.

5.3 The certification body shall immediately notify the Accreditation Agency of any changes related to its international activities, including scope expansion, opening of branches, transfer of certification functions, or engagement of partner structures.

5.4 The GAS Accreditation Agency reserves the right to conduct assessments and to amend the requirements of this document in accordance with international practices, revisions of ISO standards, and GAS regulatory policies.

5.5 The current version of this document is published on the official website of the GAS Accreditation Agency ([gas.international](https://gas.international)) and shall apply from the date of its approval.