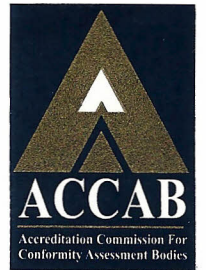


ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BODIES

Independent & International Accreditation Services for:
Certification & Inspection Bodies ♦ Testing & Calibration Laboratories ♦ Medical Laboratories



To,

Shree Ajit Kumar Seth,
The Cabinet Secretary,
Performance Management Division (PMD),
1st floor, 5th wing Hotel Janpath,
Room no 107 Janpath, New Delhi 110001.

Ref: Office Memorandum No P-26013/1/1013-PMD - Calling for combined tenders for consultancy and certification for ISO 9001:2008- clarification. GUIDELINES FOR PREPARING AN ACTION PLAN FOR OBTAINING ISO:9001 CERTIFICATION (February 29, 2012)

Sub: Recognition of Accreditation Services for Management System Certification Bodies (Issuing ISO 9001:2008 Certifications) provided by Accreditation Commission For Conformity Assessment Bodies (ACCAB).

Respected Sir,

Greetings from Accreditation Commission For Conformity Assessment Bodies (ACCAB) !

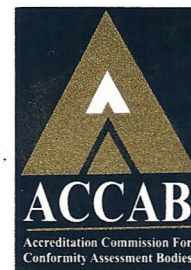
Accreditation Commission for Conformity Assessment Bodies (ACCAB) is a trading name for Accreditation Commission for Conformity Assessment Bodies Private Limited, a company limited by shares duly registered under the Companies Act, 1956, Republic of India.

ACCAB operates **VOLUNTARY** Accreditation Programs for the Management System Certification Bodies according to the International Standard such as ISO/IEC 17021:2011.

The objective of the ACCAB accreditation services is to encourage the local Management System Certification Bodies (CB) to enhance their management system, technical competency and competitiveness, as well as to encourage organization towards improvements as a third party Audits. These services are offered in a non-discriminatory manner and are accessible to all Certification Bodies in India and abroad, regardless of their ownership, legal status, size and degree of independence.

Accreditation Commission for Conformity Assessment Bodies (ACCAB) is the first private sector accreditation body in India other being National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB) under Quality Council of India (QC) is an autonomous body whose nodal ministry is Department of Industry Planning & Promotion (DIPP), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, registered under the Societies Act.

As you might already be aware that ACCAB had filed an appeal with the Competition Appellate Tribunal (COMPAT) New Delhi- India against the entry barrier faced by ACCAB. We are pleased to inform you that the COMPAT has vindicated ACCAB stand vide their order dated 17th January 2014. We are pleased to attach herewith Synopsis of the order for your perusal and record.



As per the Completion Appellate Tribunal (India) Order dated 17th January 2014:

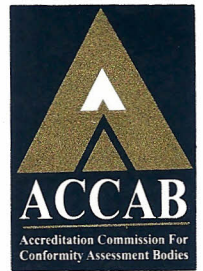
1. Accreditation business is international and there are already several international bodies operating in India;
2. Accreditation Bodies are not required to be covered under any network of law and are free to grant certificates of accreditation to the laboratories in India, this also means that ACCAB does not require any permission, sanction or approval of any ministry / government department / agency to operate as an independent accreditation body;
3. All the government notifications were prior to the business set up by ACCAB, and even in these notifications it is suggested that any other accreditation body comparable were acceptable to the government companies;
4. No Accreditation Body enjoy the monopolistic position as accreditation bodies in India as they have no objection or have not indulged in activity to keep any competitors out of the market. And any-body including ACCAB would have an authority to act as the accrediting body provided such body has the necessary infrastructure.

ACCAB's Application for Consideration by Your Good Offices:

In the light of the foregoing, Accreditation Commission for Conformity Assessment Bodies (ACCAB) hereby presents its application to your good offices, seeking recognition, as an Accreditation Services Provider for the Management System Certification Bodies.

The following salient facts, features and the criteria in support of our application are placed for your kind perusal:

- In keeping with the tone and tenor of the Competition (Amending) Act, 2007 which discourages any dominant position to any entity including any government backed or sponsored agency in terms of providing goods and services as against other competitors which will enable a level playing field for the NABCB and the ACCAB.
- The recognition to the ACCAB shall initiate the additional capacity building, shall create Public Private Partnership and shall create multiple options for an Indian industry, trade and commerce in the field of the Voluntary Certification Bodies Accreditation Services.
- It may be considered therefore that such guidelines issued by your office as from time to time for Certification Bodies Accreditation should be w.r.t. the standard such as ISO/IEC 17021 accreditation. Alternately if the name of the accreditation body is required to be mentioned then all the internationally recognized accreditation bodies need to be listed in the guidelines. As of now it could be written as Management System Certification Bodies' Accreditation as per ISO 17021 (by NABCB / ACCAB).



In view of the forgoing submissions, for according recognition and acceptance to the Management System Certification Bodies' accreditation services provided by the ACCAB, kindly place our application on record and expedite the needful in order to fulfill the interest of the stakeholders of the conformity assessment business and support the common objectives of the various national & international institutions. The progressive and demanding growth of the trade in India warrants that suitable options to be created and implemented in order to prevent and preclude **ENTRY BARRIERS**.

Thanking you and we do look forward to your kind cooperation and assistance in working towards achieving a common goal.

Yours Sincerely,

For Accreditation Commission for Conformity Assessment Bodies Private Limited.

Dilip H. Deshmukh
Chief Executive Officer

Enc:

1. Copy of Office Memorandum No P-26013/1/1013-PMD
2. Order dated 17th January 2014 by the Hon'ble Competition Appellate Tribunal New Delhi.
3. Synopsis of the Said Order
4. ACCAB Brochure
5. Government of Maharashtra EMN Certificate
6. Copyright Certificate issued by the Copyright Office, Government of India.
7. ACCAB-ASM-AD-7.0- Advisory document on tenders for systems processes & product certification.

