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Outsourcing Policy

1. Purpose

This document describes the policy of the Accreditation Committee regarding the subcontracting of assessment, the conditions upon which it has to be carried out to fulfill the requirements of the requested parties and the obligations deriving from the enactments.

2. References

The standard ISO/IEC 17011, paragraph 7.4.1 "General Requirements on accreditation organizations which accredit the conformity assessment bodies".

3. The policy

All the subcontracts which are related to the assessment activity in accreditation procedures must be documented through an agreement between IMAB and the subcontractor which covers all the regulations including the confidentiality and conflict of interests.

The Accreditation Committee has full responsibility over the subcontracted work and is responsible on accreditation decision which includes issuing, maintenance, extension, reduction, suspension and withdrawal of accreditation.

The Accreditation Committee is responsible on the competence of the subcontracted body and the fulfillment of the requirements about the assessment to be performed. The subcontractor should not be directly or indirectly involved in assessment schemes which affect its impartiality and its independence.

The Accreditation Committee shall receive the approval of the applicant on the subcontracting assessment.