



## STEERING COMMITTEE IEC-ILAC-IAF

### Item for discussion

**SUBJECT:**

How to harmonize the Re-Assessment Cycles between the ABs and the IEC C.A. Systems

**BACKGROUND:**

**Question raised by the South African AB – SANAS**

In the **IEC Systems**, accepted Certification Bodies and Testing Laboratories are Re-assessed on a regular basis every three years knowing that in between two re-assessment cycles they can be assessed in the field of scope extension.

Re-assessments are carried out by a team composed of one Lead Assessor and one (Expert) Assessor however the number of Assessors may be increased if the Re-assessment also includes extension(s) of their scope.

The three year Re-Assessment cycle will take place regardless of whether the previous time-scale is met.

**Accreditation Bodies** do not practice harmonized Re-assessment cycles, some ABs by the rules may require a yearly (surveillance) (re) assessment while others may require re-assessments every two or three years.

**ACTION:**

**The Steering Committee to determine whether the Re-assessment cycles can be harmonized among the ILAC and IAF Members and if so to determine the most appropriate Re-assessment cycles to prevent unbalanced treatments among the relevant Testing Laboratories and Certification Bodies.**

**Re-Assessments:** Accepted NCBs and CBTLs are Re-assessed on a regular basis every three years. Re-assessments are carried out by a team composed of one Lead Assessor and one (Expert) Assessor. At the discretion of the IECEE Secretary, the number of Assessors may be increased if the Re-assessment also includes extension(s) of the NCB/CBTL scope. The three year Re-Assessment cycle will take place regardless of whether the previous time-scale is met.

Example:

*Normal Cycle:*

2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Initial Assessment	-	-	Re-assessment	-	-	Re-Assessment

*Breakdown in First Cycle:*

2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Initial Assessment	-	-	Delays occur	Re-Assessment	-	Re-Assessment