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1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1** UAF Logo: The logo used by United Accreditation Foundation (UAF) to identify itself.
- 1.2** UAF accreditation Symbol: The symbol issued by UAF that is used by accredited conformity assessment bodies to indicate they are accredited. It combines the UAF logo and accreditation number assigned to CAB.
- 1.3** Scope of Accreditation: Specific conformity assessment activities for which Accreditation is sought or has been granted.

2. REQUIREMENTS FOR USE OF ACCREDITATION SYMBOL

Accredited CABs are granted the right to:

- 2.1** Apply the UAF accreditation symbol and the words "UAF-Accredited" on all documents related to the accredited certifications. The use and monitoring of the UAF symbol is mandatory for all CABs accredited by UAF.
- 2.2** Authorize each organization certified under its accredited certification system, through a written agreement (Form UAF-F-043), to apply the UAF accreditation symbol together with the CAB's symbol only on documents that relate to the certified management system, and only while the organization continues to operate in conformance with its certified management system.
- 2.3** The symbol shall not be used on products, product packaging, or in any manner that could imply product, process, or service certification. The UAF symbol shall only be used in combination with the conformity assessment body's mark.
- 2.4** Reproduce the UAF accreditation symbol electronically, provided that all requirements specified in this document are met.
- 2.5** The UAF accreditation symbol may be used on advertising and promotional materials in accordance with the Accreditation Agreement (Form UAF-F-043).
- 2.6** The CAB shall ensure that it uses the UAF accreditation symbol and makes claims of accreditation status only for those activities that are within the Scope of Accreditation as defined in the Accreditation Schedule (Form UAF-F-041).

- 2.7** The CAB shall conform to all applicable UAF requirements when claiming accreditation status or referring to its accreditation in any communication media.

- 2.8** The CAB shall not make any misleading or unauthorized statement regarding its accreditation, nor use the UAF accreditation symbol in a manner that could bring UAF into disrepute.

- 2.9** Upon withdrawal of accreditation, the CAB shall immediately discontinue the use of the UAF accreditation symbol and any reference to UAF accreditation.

- 2.10** The CAB shall not use the UAF accreditation symbol in a way that implies UAF approval of a product, process, service, management system, or person.

- 2.11** The CAB is responsible for protecting the integrity of the UAF accreditation symbol and ensuring its proper use by its certified organizations.

- 2.12** For testing and calibration laboratories, the UAF accreditation symbol may be used on reports or certificates that solely involve accredited methods listed in the Accreditation Schedule (Form UAF-F-041) and within the approved scope of accreditation.

- 2.13** When a CAB issues a report or certificate containing both accredited and non-accredited methods, the accreditation symbol may be used only if the CAB clearly identifies in the report or certificate which methods fall within the Scope of Accreditation.

- 2.14** The UAF accreditation symbol shall not be used in any way that suggests or implies that UAF accepts responsibility for test accuracy, calibration, inspection results, or certification decisions.

- 2.15** The UAF accreditation symbol does not signify certification or approval of the products tested, inspected, or certified by the CAB.

- 2.16** The UAF accreditation symbol shall be displayed as shown in Figure (1) below, maintaining the original format and color. The size may be adjusted, provided that the proportions (height-to-width ratio) remain unchanged and the symbol remains legible.

- 2.17** The minimum height of the UAF symbol shall be 10 mm, and the minimum width shall be 15 mm.

- 2.18** The accreditation number shall be displayed at the bottom right below the UAF logo.

- 2.19** The Symbol has three following main Fields:

- The first field consists of the letters "CB", which stand for CAB.
- The second field consists of two or more letters, which identify the type of CAB ("MS" for Management System Certification body, "IB" for Inspection body, "PCB" for Personnel Certification body, PrCB for Product Certification Body, "TEST" for Testing Lab, etc.)
- For the third field of the following apply:
 - i. For the CABs having a two-digit CAB number, the third field consists of four numbers, out of which the first two digits are the CAB number, and the last two digits are the last two digits of the Accreditation number. For example, if the Accreditation number of a Management Systems CAB is 51703110103 and the CAB number is 11, the third field will be 1103.



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Figure (1)

- ii. For the CABs having a three-digit CAB number, the third field consists of six numbers, out of which the first three digits are the CAB number, and the last three digits are the last three digits of the Accreditation number. For example, if the Accreditation number of a Management Systems CAB is 51703110103 and the CAB number is 110, the third field will be 110103.



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IAF MLA Mark	UAF Symbol
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ILAC MRA Mark	UAF Symbol
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Mark/Logo of the Accredited CAB	UAF Symbol
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2.20 The use of the ILAC symbol by laboratories (LABs) is not permitted. The use of the ILAC symbol by laboratories shall comply with the requirements of ILAC-P8:12/2012 and ILAC R7 once UAF becomes a signatory to the ILAC Arrangement.

- 2.21** When test reports contain results that are not covered under accreditation, they shall include the statement "Test not included in the scope of accreditation XXX", placed next to the relevant test, or indicated through a general reference in the report. In such cases, an asterisk (*) shall be placed next to the test name. This statement shall be printed in the same font type and size as the test name.
- 2.22** Organizations certified by UAF-accredited certification bodies shall use the UAF symbol together with the certification body's mark, as illustrated in Figure (1).
- 2.23** The placement of a certification body's mark (either alone or in combination with the UAF symbol) on a product, process, or service—or its packaging—shall not imply product conformity. It shall be made clear that the mark signifies conformity of the management system only. However, in the case of Food Safety Management Systems, the placement of the CB's mark (either alone or in combination with the UAF symbol) on a product or on its primary or secondary packaging is strictly prohibited.
- 2.24** The certification body shall not permit the use of its mark, either alone or in combination with the UAF symbol, on laboratory test reports, calibration reports, or inspection reports.
- 2.25** Certification bodies holding multiple accreditations from different accreditation bodies shall not use the symbols of other accreditation bodies or the UAF symbol on the same conformity assessment certificate. However, they may issue separate certificates for each accreditation, displaying only the corresponding accreditation body's symbol.
- 2.26** During audits, certification bodies shall verify that their certificate holders are using the combined marks (i.e., the certification body's mark together with the UAF symbol) appropriately. The conditions for proper use of these marks by certificate holders are detailed below.
- 2.27** The use of the IAF symbol by a CAB is permitted in accordance with the "Agreement for the Use of the IAF MLA Mark between a Licensed IAF MLA Accreditation Body Member and an Accredited CAB" signed between UAF and the CAB. This applies to the following sub-scopes: QMS (ISO 9001), EMS (ISO 14001), OHSMS (ISO 45001), ISMS (ISO/IEC 27001), MDQMS (ISO 13485), FSMS (ISO 22000), EnMS (ISO 50001) and ABMS (ISO 37001) and Scopes -Certification of Persons
- 2.28** The accredited CAB shall use the IAF MLA and/or ILAC MRA Mark together with the UAF symbol, in accordance with the requirements of IAF ML 2 – General Principles on the Use of the IAF MLA Mark and ILAC R7 – Rules for the Use of the ILAC MRA Mark, respectively, and only for those main scopes and sub-scopes for which UAF is a signatory.

- 2.29** The IAF MLA and/or ILAC MRA Mark shall be reproduced only from an authorized master copy provided by UAF and printed in accordance with clause 4(b) of the Agreement for the Use of the IAF MLA/ILAC MRA Mark between a Licensed IAF MLA/ILAC MRA Accreditation Body Member and an Accredited CAB.
- 2.30** The use of the combined IAF MLA/ILAC MRA Mark shall be subject to a specific agreement signed between UAF and the UAF-accredited CAB.
- 2.31** When a CAB operates multiple sites, and one or more sites are not accredited, only the accredited sites may refer to accreditation or use the UAF symbol. In such cases, documents covering both accredited and non-accredited sites shall clearly identify which sites are accredited and which are not.
- 2.32** Where a subsidiary, branch, or representative office is associated with an accredited group, such association shall not create the impression that those entities themselves are accredited. Accreditation granted to the parent organization does not extend to subsidiaries, branches, or representatives unless specifically stated in the scope of accreditation.
- 2.33** The accredited CAB shall be required to inform all affected clients, without undue delay (not later than seven (7) days), of any suspension, reduction, or withdrawal of its accreditation, including the associated consequences of such actions, and shall cease the use of all accreditation symbols in accordance with the Accreditation Agreement (UAF-F-043) upon suspension, withdrawal, or expiration of its accreditation.
- 2.34** A laboratory may issue reports or certificates incorporating the UAF accreditation symbol, as well as opinions, interpretations, or statements of evidence related to investigational activities. When such opinions or interpretations extend beyond the scope of accreditation, they shall be presented in a separate section of the report, clearly titled with a disclaimer such as:
- "The opinions/interpretations expressed in this report/certificate are beyond this CAB's accreditation."
- 2.35** The same conditions and rules governing the use of the UAF accreditation symbol shall also apply when referring to the accreditation status in text, without displaying the symbol. The reference to accreditation by an accredited body shall be made using the following model:

"Body accredited by UAF with Certificate No. XXX in A,"

where A denotes the type of accreditation (e.g., Management Systems (MS) or Testing).

2.36 UAF shall take appropriate actions to address any incorrect or unauthorized claims of accreditation status, misleading or illegal use of the UAF symbol, use of the UAF symbol without the conformity assessment body's mark, or any misuse of the UAF accreditation symbols or logo. Such actions may include, but are not limited to:

- Issuance of nonconformities and advice for corrective action.
- Suspension or withdrawal of accreditation.
- Public disclosure of the transgression.
- Initiation of legal proceedings, where applicable.

2.37 Conformity Assessment Scheme Owners may establish their own mark or logo for use by accredited CABs. UAF-accredited CABs may use the mark or logo of the respective Scheme Owner, provided such use is authorized by the Scheme Owner, and it may be displayed alongside the UAF accreditation symbol on certificates.

2.38 When the Scheme Owner's mark or logo is used, it shall be displayed on the certification documents only in the format and color prescribed by the Scheme Owner. The mark or logo may be resized to fit the document, provided that it remains legible and proportionate. The Scheme Owner's mark or logo shall not appear more prominent than the UAF symbol or any other mark/logo appearing on the certification document issued by the CAB.

2.39 All quotations, proposals, and contracts issued by an accredited CAB displaying the UAF accreditation symbol or the IAF MLA / ILAC MRA Mark shall clearly identify any activities or services that are not covered under UAF accreditation.

Note: The requirements related to the ILAC MRA shall become applicable once UAF attains ILAC MRA signatory status.

3. REFERENCES

ISO/IEC 17011 Conformity assessment – General requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies.

4. REVISIONS

Revision	Date	Section/Clause / Page No.	Summary of Amendment
RV01	09-01-2019	Reissued	The revision number changed to RV01 as a result of the finding of the Internal Audit
RV02	10-25-2019	All	Grammatical Corrections made in the document
RV03	FEB-08-2021	Various clauses	Amended to correct the typographical errors.



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RV04	APR-09-2022	Various clauses	Made changes as per finding identified during Internal Audit 2022 and aligning with ISO/IEC 17025:2017; Grammatical corrections
RV05	MAY-18-2022	2.25; 2.26 & 2.27	Use of IAF Logo and inclusion of subscopes QMS & EMS
RV06	AUG-10-2022	2.25; 2.26 & 2.27	Inclusion of subscopes FSMS; ISMS; MDQMS; OHSMS
RV07	MAY-31-2024	Various	Clauses added/amended to address ILAC MRA requirements.
V00	NOV-15-2024	Reissued	Reissued as Revision V00 to align with the newly developed UAF. No substantive changes to the content.
V01	NOV-17-2025	various	Reworded for clarity and addition of IAF Sub scopes ABMS and EnMS and Scopes - certification of persons.
V02	APR-17-2026	2.1, 2.33	Clauses is revised to meet the requirements of 4.3 of ISO/IEC 17011:2017 explicitly