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**CAB Accreditation Advisory Document**

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<b>AD-1.1</b>	<b>Purpose:</b>
AD-1.1.1	To ensure that the ACCAB applicants and accredited CABs get enough time to plan and implement the new requirements as published in the ISO/IEC 17021:2011 Version.
<b>AD-1.2</b>	<b>Scope:</b>
AD-1.2.1	This advisory note is published for the informative use for the applicants and accredited CABs who follow the ACCAB accreditation.
<b>AD-1.3</b>	<b>Details:</b>
AD-1.3.1	ISO/IEC 17021:2011 has been published on 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2011.
AD-1.3.2	It incorporates new requirements for third- party certification auditing of management systems and the competence of personnel involved in the certification process.
AD-1.3.3	ACCAB will continue to accept any new application for accreditation to the ISO/IEC 17021:2006 version till 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2012. ACCAB may not accept any new application for accreditation to ISO/IEC 17021:2006 version after 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2012. However, CABs may choose to apply for accreditation to ISO/IEC 17021:2011 immediately.
AD-1.3.4	ACCAB will not issue any new accreditation to ISO/IEC 17021:2006 version after 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2012.
AD-1.3.5	ACCAB expects that all applicants and accredited CABs should plan for the transition to ISO/IEC 17021:2011 that may require them to establish processes and systems including changes to processes, procedures, training and other arrangements.
AD-1.3.6	ACCAB expects that the transition to ISO/IEC 17021:2011 will be complete by 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2013.