

APPROVED RESOLUTIONS OF THE 36th EA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

25 & 26 NOVEMBER 2015
BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

EA Resolution 2015 (36) 01

The General Assembly ratifies the results of the electronic ballots completed since the last General Assembly meeting according to Document EAGA(15)40.

EA Resolution 2015 (36) 02

The General Assembly approves the following IAF resolutions adopted at the IAF General Assembly in Milan in November 2015:

IAF Resolution 2015–12 – (Agenda Item 10) Transitional Arrangement for ISO/IEC 27006:2015 - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that the transition period for ISO/IEC 27006:2015 Information technology -- Security techniques -- Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of information security management systems will be two years from the date of publication of the standard, i.e. 30 September 2017.

IAF Resolution 2015–13 – (Agenda Item 10) Transitional Arrangement for the Revision of ISO 13485:2003 - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that the transition period for the next revision of ISO 13485:2003 Medical devices -- Quality management systems -- Requirements for regulatory purposes will be three years from the date of publication of the revised standard.

IAF Resolution 2015–14 – (Agenda Item 10) Non-Accredited Certification Where the MS CB is Accredited for the Same Scope - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that IAF Accreditation Body members shall have legally enforceable arrangements with their accredited CABs that prevents the CAB from issuing non-accredited management systems certificates in scopes for which they are accredited.

The General Assembly further agreed that the transition period will be one year from the date of endorsement.

IAF Resolution 2015–15 – (Agenda Item 10) Maintenance of IAF Technical Committee Documents - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that references to ISO/IEC 17021 in IAF documents shall be understood to refer to ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 in relation to CABs that have completed the transition and after the transition period.

However ABs and CABs will need to take account of the changes in ISO/IEC 17021-1 when using IAF documents which may not be revised until after the transition period to reference ISO/IEC 17021-1.

EA Resolution 2015 (36) 03

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Executive Committee, approves the EA Work Programme for 2016 (Document EA Work Programme 2016).

EA Resolution 2015 (36) 04

The General Assembly agrees that the Executive Committee starts a new work item to revise the EA Articles of Association (AoA) taking into account for revision the rationale set out in Document EAGA(15)07.

EA Resolution 2015 (36) 05

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Executive Committee, approves the current AfN listing of preferred Harmonised Standards (Document EAGA(15)19), as the EA technical position for use in discussions with the European Commission and the National Authorities regarding appropriate standards for Accreditation for Notification. It is also agreed that the context and use of the listing within EA processes will be further discussed and developed by the EA Executive Committee.

EA Resolution 2015 (36) 06

The General Assembly mandates the Executive Committee to finalize and sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between EA and the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI).

EA Resolution 2015 (36) 07

The EA GA mandates the EX to take the necessary actions regarding the development of the Hungarian Accreditation Body.

EA Resolution 2015 (36) 08

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Executive Committee, notes the revised forecast of the accounts of 2015 (Document EAGA(15)38) and endorses the revised activity-based budget for 2015 (Document EAGA(15)38).

EA Resolution 2015 (36) 09

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Executive Committee, endorses the revised EA activity-based budget for 2016 (Document EA Activity Based Budget 2016 Rev1).

EA Resolution 2015 (36) 10

The General Assembly agrees that EA applies to IAF to extend the scope of EA as a recognized region for the main scope "Greenhouse Gas Validation and Verification – ISO 14065" and asks for the necessary peer evaluation of EA by IAF.

EA Resolution 2015 (36) 11

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Executive Committee, adopts ILAC-R7:05/2015 Rules for the Use of the ILAC MRA Mark as a mandatory document for all EA members being ILAC MRA signatories.

EA Resolution 2015 (36) 12

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation of the Horizontal Harmonisation Committee, agrees that the EA HHC starts a new work item to revise EA-1/22 M 2014: *EA Procedure and Criteria for the Evaluation of Conformity Assessment Schemes by EA Accreditation Body Members* according to the rationale for revision set out in EASEC-F-NWI 1.22.

EA Resolution 2015 (36) 13

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Horizontal Harmonisation Committee, adopts IAF/ILAC-A5:11/2013 IAF/ILAC Multi-Lateral Mutual Recognition Arrangements (Arrangements): Application of ISO/IEC 17011:2004.

EA Resolution 2015 (36) 14

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Executive Committee, decides to mandate the HHC to start the revision of §7.3.3 a) of EA-1/06: *EA Multilateral Agreement. Criteria for Signing. Policy and Procedures for Development* to align it with the outcome of the revision of EA 1/22.

EA Resolution 2015 (36) 15

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Communications and Publications Committee, decides that the EA Search Facility shall be closed down as of 1 December 2015.

EA Resolution 2015 (36) 16

The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation from the Communications and Publications Committee, agrees that the development of a blogging tool shall be done on the EA public website instead of the EA intranet, see EA resolution 2014 (34) 25. The development of the blogging tool shall be part of the overall project related to implementing social media in EA.

EA Resolution 2015 (36) 17

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Certification Committee, agrees that the EA CC starts a new work item to revise EA-7/04 M 2007: *Legal Compliance as a part of accredited ISO 14001: 2004 certification* following the publication of revised ISO 14001:2015 and ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015. The old version will remain until end of the transition period.

EA Resolution 2015 (36) 18

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Certification Committee, agrees that the EA CC starts a new work item to supplement EA-1/22 M 2014: *EA Procedure and Criteria for the Evaluation of Conformity Assessment Schemes by EA Accreditation Body Members* with guidance for choice between ISO/IEC 17021 and ISO/IEC 17065 as the standard to be used for accreditation.

EA Resolution 2015 (36) 19

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Certification Committee, adopts IAF MD5: 2015 – *Determination of Audit Time of Quality and Environmental Management Systems* as a mandatory document for all EA members.

EA Resolution 2015 (36) 20

The General Assembly approves the revised 2016 Work Programme of the Certification Committee (Document EACC(15)15revised_afterCC30).

EA Resolution 2015 (36) 21

The General Assembly agrees the following dates and venues for future meetings:

- 25-26 May 2016 in Windsor, UK
- 23-24 November 2016 in Boras, Sweden
- 23-24 May 2017 in Ljubljana, Slovenia

EA Resolution 2015 (36) 22

The General Assembly expresses its appreciation for the superb arrangements and support services provided by NAT for the 36th General Assembly on 25-26 November 2015.

End of resolutions approved at the 36th EA General Assembly.