



**ACCREDITATION SCHEME FOR
MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS CERTIFICATION BODIES**

CT 18
**SAC CRITERIA FOR CERTIFICATION
BODIES (MEDICAL DEVICES – QUALITY
MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS)**

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This document specifies the supplementary SAC criteria for certification bodies on Medical devices – Quality management systems (MDQMS) to *ISO 13485 Medical devices – Quality management systems – Requirements for regulatory purposes*, and is to be used with ISO/IEC 17021-1 and the applicable IAF Mandatory Documents.

2. Scope of Accreditation and Certification

- 2.1 The technical areas described in Annex A of IAF MD 9 shall be used to define the scope of certification and accreditation.

3 Criteria for MDQMS Auditors

- 3.1 A certification body shall appoint qualified auditors to conduct MDQMS audits. Auditors shall meet the criteria defined in Annex B and Annex C of IAF MD 9 Application of ISO/IEC 17021-1 in the Field of Medical Device Quality Management Systems (ISO 13485).

4 Duration of MDQMS Audits

- 4.1 A certification body shall determine the MDQMS audits time defined in Annex D of IAF MD 9 for initial audits.
- 4.2 For integrated audits see IAF MD11. For multi-site sampling, refer to MD 9.1.5 where design, development and manufacturing sites cannot be sampled.
- 4.3 Annual surveillance audit duration = 1/3 of initial audit duration
- 4.4 Recertification audit duration = 2/3 of initial audit duration

5. Witnessed Assessment by SAC

- 5.1 In the case of initial assessment, the samples for witnessing of audits, priority shall be given to an audit of the higher risk class (Class C or D) of the Technical Areas covered under the scope of accreditation. For risk classification, refer to GN-13: Guidance on the Risk Classification of General Medical Devices and GN-14: Guidance on the Risk Classification of In- Vitro Diagnostic Medical Devices at the Health Sciences Authority (HSA) website.
- 5.2 The surveillance and reassessment shall include on-site office assessment as well as witnessing. The witnessing programme shall ensure, as a minimum, that one audit from each of the Main Technical

Areas (shown in Annex A of IAF MD9) under the scope of accreditation is witnessed within an accreditation cycle.

6 Information required on the Issued Certificate

6.1 The Certification Body shall issue certificate and state concisely the following information:

- a) Unique Certificate Number
- b) Certification Body Name
- c) Name and Address of Certificate Holder
- d) Name and Address of Site(s) covered by Certification
- e) Technical Areas – Reference to Annex A of IAF MD9
- f) Key Activities at Site(s) covered by Certification– such as Manufacturing (or Production)/ Design and Development/ Storage and Distribution/ Installation/ Servicing/ Provision of associated activities/ Supplier or external parties providing product *
- * For example: raw materials, components, subassemblies, medical devices, sterilization services, distribution services, maintenance services
- g) Certification Standard (including year of edition) – e.g. ISO 13485:2016
- h) Date Issued and Expiry

6.2 Information on Product Category based on Annex A of IAF MD9 is recommended however optional.

6.3 For product owner where manufacturing (or production) is subcontracted, it is recommended to state as 'Control of manufacturing'.