

Accreditation of Verification Bodies



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◆ Accreditation

Third party evaluation and demonstration of competence of a body to perform conformity assessment activities

Accreditation is a public authority activity

Last level of public authority control

One national accreditation body per member state

-> according to Rules CE n°765/2008



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◆ Aim of Accreditation

Give confidence in conformity assessment activities

Recognize knowhow

International recognition of the results delivered by a conformity assessment body



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◆ Need of standards

Testing :

ISO/IEC 17025

Certification :

ISO/IEC 17021 ; ISO/IEC 17024 ; EN 45011

Inspection :

ISO/IEC 17020



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◆ ISO/IEC 17020

"General criteria for the operation of various types of bodies performing inspection"

Inspection

Examination of a product design, product, service, process or plant, and determination of their conformity with specific requirements or, on the basis of professional judgement, general requirements.

NOTE 1 Inspection of processes includes personnel, facilities, technology and methodology.

NOTE 2 The results of inspection may be used to support certification

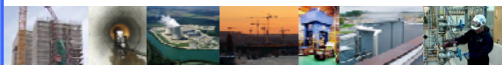


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◆ Type A inspection body

The inspection body shall be independent of the parties involved.

The inspection body, and its staff responsible for carrying out the inspection shall not be the designer, manufacturer, supplier, installer, purchaser, owner, user or maintainer of the items which they inspect, nor the authorized representative of any of these parties.



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◆ Personnel and professional judgement

Personnel shall also have relevant knowledge of the technology used for the manufacturing of the products inspected, of the way in which products or processes submitted to their inspections are used or are intended to be used, and of the defects which may occur during use or in service.

Need of procedures for :

recruitment ; selection ; training ;

qualification ; supervision of personnel



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◆ Inspection methods and procedures

The inspection body shall use the methods and procedures for inspection which are defined in the requirements, against which conformity is to be determined.

When the inspection body has to use inspection methods or procedures which are non-standard, such methods and procedures shall be appropriate and fully documented.

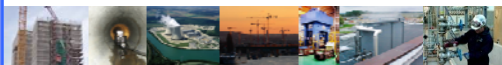
All instructions, standards or written procedures, worksheets, check lists and reference data relevant to the work of the inspection body shall be maintained up-to-date and be readily available to the staff



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◆ Inspection reports and inspection certificates

The inspection report and/or inspection certificate shall include all the results of examinations and the determination of conformity made from these results as well as all information needed to understand and interpret them.



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◆ Accreditation process :

4 steps

1- Analyze the request of the candidate

2- Evaluate by on site assessment

3- Decide

4- Notify by deliver of a certificate specifying the field and the duration of the accreditation

