



MSA Ad 2016-01

ADVISORY

TO : ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT : PAB's verification of transition to ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015

DATE : February 12, 2016

BACKGROUND

Last August 19, 2015 PAB had issued an Advisory regarding transition of accredited certificates of ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 14001:2004 to ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015 respectively. In this Advisory, the Philippine Accreditation Bureau had advised its accredited certification bodies on their transition plan and submit this to PAB with attached proof of implementation or status of activities described in the plan.

ACTION TAKEN

It was stated that in the Advisory issued that although additional visits are not required, PAB will determine whether or not special visit will be undertaken to verify the implementation of activities defined in the plan. As such, PAB will take time to assess all its accredited CBs through a (1) man day office assessment and 1 witness audit each for ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015 (i.e. initial or recertification) under critical scope only.

It is advisable that office assessment will take place before the witness assessment. Otherwise, witness assessment can take place first. Nevertheless, decision on CB's compliance to PAB's requirement for the transition will be based on acceptable result both for office based assessment and witness audit.

We plan to undertake and complete these assessments (office assessment and witness audits) from March to May 2016. We will also take the opportunity in the office assessment to get feedback from you on the IAF Coding that we have recently issued as your accredited scopes.

Together with this Advisory, a separate letter on the scheduled assessment will be sent to each CB concern.

Please be advised that this assessment is separate from the regular assessment that is scheduled within the year that we also plan to coincide with the assessment of CB's compliance to new ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015.


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