

GAC 1.7:2020 – Rules and procedures for accreditation of inspection bodies in accordance with SST ISO/IEC 17020:2012/2013

Article 1. Scope

1. GAC 1.7:2020 is elaborated based on international accreditation practice and is a guidance document for accreditation of inspection bodies.
2. GAC 1.7:2020 establishes requirements to assess the CABs against the standard SST ISO/IEC 17020:2012/2013 “Conformity assessment - Requirements for the operation of various types of bodies performing inspection”.
3. General accreditation procedures for inspection bodies are established in GAC 1.1:2020 “General Rules and Procedures“.

Article 2. Types of inspection bodies

1. In accordance with the independence requirements, there can be type A, B, C inspection bodies, specifically:
 - a) **Type A** – an inspection body providing third party inspections (third party inspection body).
 - b) **Type B** – an inspection body providing first party inspections, second party inspections, or both, which forms a separate and identifiable part of an organization involved in the design, manufacture, supply, installation, use, storage and maintenance process of the items it inspects and conducts inspection activities for internal organizational requirements;
 - c) **Type C** – an inspection body providing first party and/or second party inspection, or both, which may be a part of other company and is involved in the design, manufacture, supply, installation, use storage and maintenance process of the items it inspects and conducts inspection to its parent organization or to other parties, or to both.
1. In accordance with accreditation rules and procedures accredited inspection bodies, who also perform testing, as a part of inspection, such inspection body shall be assessed in accordance with SST ISO/IEC 17020:2012/2013 “Conformity assessment - Requirements for the operation of various types of bodies performing inspection” and at the same time shall satisfy the relevant requirement of SST ISO/IEC 17025:2010 “General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories”.
2. Policies and procedures of the CAB shall include all factors that can affect its impartiality and independence, including ownership, organizational structure, management, personnel, finances, mutual resources etc.
3. Type A Inspection Body shall operate independently and impartially, to satisfy the requirements of SST ISO/IEC 17020:2012/2013 standard and relevant mandatory documents issued by the internationally recognized organizations in accreditation scope.

4. Accredited Type A Inspection Body and its personnel shall not be involved in design, manufacture, supply, installation, use or maintenance of the items it inspects.

Article 3. Insurance of the Responsibility of the Inspection Bodies

1. In cases defined by Georgian Legislation, in accordance with accreditation rules and procedures, accredited inspection body shall have relevant responsibility insurance.
2. According to the Georgian Law Code on Product Safety and Free Movement the accredited inspection body carrying out regular inspection of the safety of certain entities is required to have adequate responsibility insurance in addition to the insurance of inspection bodies of OECD member states the responsibility insurance of which covers territory of Georgia as well.

Article 4. Procedures related to accreditation of the inspection bodies

1. In accordance with articles 3 and 4 of GAC 1.1:2020, CAB applies for accreditation at GAC. The application shall be supported with the set of documents prepared in Georgian language in accordance with relevant rules and procedures of GAC. The application and the enclosed documentation shall be provided electronically (font – Sylfaen).
2. According to 1st pt. of this article, the CAB shall present detailed information about its activities, including the description, of the activities, structure, personnel, and procedures. Also, the CAB shall present the documentation on quality management, impartiality, risk management, together with the documents on internal audit and management review.
3. Assessment team assigned by GAC and agreed with the CAB, coordinated by the team leader, conducts document analysis, including the assessment of the management system documentation presented by the CAB, in accordance with the SST ISO/IEC 17020:2012/2013 Standard.
4. After the completion of the document analysis based on the pt. 3 of this article, the assessment team conducts on site assessment of the CAB to conduct the witnessing of the practical activities of the CAB. The assessment team conducts witnessing on-site or remotely or using both techniques at the same time based on risk assessment analysis.
5. The accredited inspection bodies are obliged to take photo or video materials of the inspection site, also keep the copies of documentation provided by the applicant about inspected units, engines and details and file them to the accreditation center if required during annual assessment and extraordinary assessment.
6. If the activities of the inspection body include testing, where relevant, the inspection body shall participate in relevant proficiency testing to demonstrate its competence.
7. Where relevant, Inspection bodies shall meet the criteria of traceability, ensure the uncertainty of measurement and participate in PT and /or interlaboratory comparison, in accordance with the requirements of ISO / IEC 17025 and ILAC-G27: 2017 - Guidance on measurements performed as part of an inspection process.

8. In accordance with the accreditation rules and procedures, the accredited CAB shall be assessed by GAC in a way that insures the full assessment of scope during the accreditation cycle.
9. Based on the request of the CAB, extension of the accreditation scope of the CAB may be performed. The extension of Accreditation scope may include the addition of a new scheme, module, methods, and procedures. The extension of accreditation scope is conducted in accordance with article 16 of GAC 1.1:2020.