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NABCB signs PAC MLA for ISMS

NABCB has signed the Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (PAC) Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA) for Information Security Management Systems (ISMS) accreditation programme in June 2015 in Colombo following up on the peer evaluation conducted in Oct, 2014 and subsequent successful ballot amongst PAC members. PAC Peer Evaluation was conducted by a 2-member team comprising Mr. C K Cheung from Hong Kong as Team leader and Mr. Ding Zy-Kaan from TAF, Taiwan as ISMS expert during 27-29 Oct 2014. The team evaluated the NABCB accreditation policies, documentation, processes, competence, records etc. relating to ISMS programme and also witnessed an assessment of a certification body conducted by NABCB. Based on the PAC MLA signed by NABCB, it is likely that NABCB will sign the IAF MLA for ISMS as well as FSMS in October 2015.



Dr. R. P. Singh, Secretary General, QCI (centre-left) and Mr. Anil Jauhri, CEO, NABCB (centre-right) receiving the PAC MLA certificate for ISMS at Colombo in June 2015

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Meet NABCB Board Member

Mr. Ravinder Singh, Chairman NABCB Accreditation Committee



The Chair, NABCB Accreditation Committee was inducted on NABCB Board as its ex-officio member in December 2014. Mr. Ravinder Singh, the current Chair, is a graduate of IIT Delhi. In a career spanning over 40 years he has worked in Banking, Manufacturing and Consulting. Mr. Ravinder Singh was also member of the NABCB Board earlier from 2001 to 2005.

He currently works for World Bank as an Independent Expert of the Accreditation Panel of the Adaptation Fund and as a Fiduciary Expert Consultant on Accreditation with the Green Climate Fund. Earlier, Mr. Ravinder Singh has worked with IQL, a niche consulting company which represented Philip Crosby Associates in India.

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SAARC-PTB Training on Designing Systems for Implementation of GMP/GHP/HACCP

NABCB conducted a three day training Programme on Designing Systems for Implementation of GMP/GHP/HACCP for SAARC countries at Islamabad, Pakistan from 28 – 30 April 2015 sponsored by the German agency, PTB, under the SAARC-PTB MoU. The programme was hosted by the Pakistan National Accreditation Council (PNAC).

The objective of the programme was to build competences in creating food safety systems in the SAARC countries. The programme was designed for participants from the Food Regulator of each SAARC Member State who would implement GMP/GHP/HACCP by regulation as needed, National Accreditation Body / National Accreditation Focal Point or concerned Ministry responsible for accreditation policy of each SAARC Member State and National Standards Body of each SAARC member state involved or likely to be involved in the Implementation of GMP/GHP/HACCP through a the voluntary initiative.

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Participants at SAARC-PTB Training

19 delegates from 7 SAARC countries – Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Pakistan and Sri Lanka participated in this programme. The delegates from Nepal were unable to participate, in the wake of the earthquake that had hit their nation, just a couple of days before the training programme began.

At the end of the programme, the participants came up with a plan to take the Implementation of GMP/GHP/HACCP forward in their respective countries. The programme was very well received and appreciated.



Meet NABCB Board Member

Mr. Sudhanshu Pandey, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce



Mr. Sudhanshu Pandey is currently the Joint Secretary in Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India. Mr. Pandey is an Indian Administrative Officer (IAS) of 1987 batch from J&K Cadre and has experience in Government of over 27 years in different senior policy positions including as Principal Secretary (Energy & Renewable Energy), Principal Secretary (Finance), Managing Director (Industrial Development Corporation), Director (Department of Commerce), Counsellor (PIEC) and Director (TC)

Embassy of India, Berlin, Germany.

He holds Master's degree in Botany with specialization in Environmental Management. He also holds MBA in Finance and has done Executive Management Programmes at IIM, Ahmedabad & Bangalore, and at Duke University, USA.

NABCB signs MoU with GCC Accreditation Centre (GAC)

NABCB has signed an MoU with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Accreditation Centre (GAC), the common accreditation body for Gulf countries, in June 2015 at Colombo, on its request. One of the aims of the MoU is to recognize Indian conformity assessment bodies based on NABCB accreditation for the purpose of certifying conformity of products from India to Gulf based on their regulations which should help Indian industry. GAC has also expressed its desire to do programmes in India for the industry about their regulations which NABCB. NABCB will conduct 1-day programmes on Gulf Regulations on toys and electrical products for the benefit of Indian industry in third quarter of FY 2015-16.

PAC-PTB Training on ISMS

NABCB conducted a 5-day PAC-PTB Training on Information Security Management Systems (ISMS) at New Delhi from 18-22 May 2015. 26 participants from 11 countries (Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam apart from India) attended the training.



Participants at PAC-PTB Training

SAARC-PTB Regulators' Sensitization Programme

NABCB will be conducting the "Sensitization Programme" for Regulators of the SAARC member states at New Delhi during 15-16 September 2015 under the SAARC – PTB MoU to sensitize the Regulators on accreditation and related issues as well as on how they can use accredited conformity assessment bodies in ensuring compliance to their technical regulations.

Meet NABCB Board Member

Mr. G. R. Raghavender, Joint Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion

Mr. G.R. Raghavender currently the Joint Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, is a civil servant from Central Secretariat Service (CSS) 1988 batch. Formerly, he was Registrar of Copyrights of the Indian Copyright office. He has been actively involved in amendments to the Copyright Act and Rules, WIPO treaties and meetings, FTA negotiations etc.

He holds several degrees M.A. Development Studies (Public Policy & Management) from Institute of Social Studies (ISS), the Hague, the Netherlands; M.A. & M.Phil (Ancient History.& Archaeology) from Osmania University, Hyderabad; LLB degree from Delhi University and LL.M (IPRs) from GGSIP University, New Delhi; Bachelors in Library and Information sciences (B.L.Sc.) and a B.Sc. from Osmania University, Hyderabad.



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World Accreditation Day Celebrations 2015

The World Accreditation Day, celebrated internationally on 9 June every year, was celebrated in India on 09 June 2015 at New Delhi, jointly by the National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB) and the National Accreditation Board for Testing & Calibration Laboratories (NABL), the two national accreditation bodies representing India at the international level. The World Accreditation Day is a global initiative, jointly established by the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC), to raise awareness about the importance of accreditation. The theme for the Day this year was **‘Accreditation: Supporting the Delivery of Health and Social Care’**. A total of about 100 participants attended the program which was well received and appreciated.



Dr. R. P. Singh, SG, QCI speaking at WAD 2015



Participants at WAD 2015

Welcoming the invited dignitaries as well as the participants, Mr. Anil Jauhari, CEO, NABCB, stated that such a programme facilitates sensitization of government bodies, industry and consumer organizations about accreditation and related issues.

Dr. R. P. Singh, Secretary General, Quality Council of India (QCI), in his Opening Remarks commended the efforts of the National Accreditation Bodies (NABs) to promote accreditation and shared his observations relevant to the theme. He added that for QCI, Patient Safety is very important and that quality can bring about changes needed in healthcare.

Mr. Sudhanshu Pandey, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce, inaugurating the event, expressed that although there is awareness about quality in certain sectors, yet understanding is lacking in many areas, especially in healthcare. He emphasized the need for better quality of products and services.

Mr. Anil Relia, Director, NABL, presented the certificate for the **first RMP accreditation** granted in India to Mr. K P Chandy, Executive Director, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. Mr. Chandy, upon receiving the certificate, reiterated BPCL management’s commitment to quality and added that it was a great honour for BPCL to receive the first accreditation for RMP from NABL.

Dr. G N Singh, Drugs Controller General (India), chaired the technical session in which different speakers were invited to make presentations on topics relevant to the theme of the World Accreditation Day. He was of the view that as a drugs regulatory body in India, they are faced with a lot of challenges and that accreditation bodies have played an important role in promoting scientific approach based quality culture in the country. He provided information on the proposed changes to the regulations on medical devices.

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Capacity Building under the EU-CITD Project

European Union (EU) and India under the project “Capacity Building Initiative for Trade

Development in India – CITT” has an overall objective to support India in strengthening its capacity to achieve economic growth and sustainable development, through further integration into the global trading system, by increasing the safety and quality of products, and by reducing cost and impediments to trade. The key purpose of this project is to:

- Enhance capacity of India’s trade-related regulatory institutions and enforcement systems in order to meet international standards / requirements and business needs.
- Support India’s trade-related training institutions in strengthening their capacities.

Under this project, one out of the three components is relating to capacity building on “Technical Regulations and Standardization” under which various activities have been envisaged, with NABCB playing the lead role and is one of the main beneficiaries. The following capacity building activities have been undertaken:

- A 2-day training on Energy Management Systems requirements covering ISO 50001 and ISO 50003 standards conducted at New Delhi on 29-30 April 2015.
- Three 1-day awareness programmes for industry on ‘Understanding the Best EU Practices on Energy Management Systems implementation and EU Energy Efficiency Directive 2012/27’ conducted at Mumbai on 02 May 2015, at Hyderabad on 04 May 2015 and at New Delhi on 06 May 2015.

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Discussion Forum on How to get Credible Certification

NABCB had earlier this year initiated a new concept of sensitizing various stakeholders and generating discussions on accreditation and conformity assessment as necessary for the country through arranging a Discussion Forums. The second event of the series organized on the topic “How to get Credible Certification” was held in New Delhi on 22 April 2015 and which was attended by over 120 participants.



Mr. Anil Jauhri, CEO, NABCB (left) and Mr. Anil Relia, Director, NABL (right) addressing the participants

Mr. Rakesh Kacker, Ex-Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries introduced the programme and the speakers to the participants. He spoke on how to deal with pitfalls of certification.

Mr. Anil Relia, Director, NABL spoke on achieving international equivalence through accreditation. He gave a brief history on how the concept of accreditation started. He spoke about various NABL and NABCB accreditation programmes available in the country and which has international recognition. He described the chain of conformity assessment and the international / regional accreditation framework on accreditation. He also spoke about the EC Regulation 765/2008 which requires one single national accreditation body in each EU member state. He also stated that various Regulators in the country are increasingly relying on accredited bodies for conformity assessment.

Mr. Anil Jauhri, CEO, NABCB spoke on choosing certification body for ISO certifications and how to avoid pitfalls. He described the various kinds of certification services currently available. He then informed the participants on who can set up a certification body and how to distinguish an authentic certification body. He also described the key principles in certification and the issues currently involved in certification and which are having worldwide concern. He stated that impartiality and integrity of certification bodies is key issue and informed on what should be considered as a part of risk analysis. He then suggested the steps to be take care of while availing certification services.

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NABCB Assessors' Conclave

NABCB conducts its Assessors' Conclave 2014 biannually. These conclaves conducted regularly facilitate further harmonization of accreditation / assessment practices and for dissemination of recent / new information to assessors. NABCB Assessors' Conclave 2015 (I) was organized at Mussoorie during 29 – 30 May 2015 in which 29 NABCB Assessors participated. Technical sessions on various topics were undertaken during the conclave. Day 1 was devoted to matters related to accreditation of certification bodies while Day 2 was devoted to matters related to accreditation of inspection bodies. The second conclave for year 2015 will be conducted on 04-05 December 2015.



CEO NABCB at Assessors' Conclave



Workshop during Assessors' Conclave

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Standards Conclave 2015

Standards Conclave 2015 was jointly held by Department of Commerce and CII at New Delhi on 21-22 May 2015. This was the second such conclave held, which was started last year, and theme for the conclave was “Role of Standards in International Trade: Challenges, Opportunities and Issues”. NABCB was one of the partners along with BIS, EIC and CWTOS, and played a key role in facilitating the Conclave like last year.



Mr. Adil Zainulbhai, Chairman, QCI (left) and Dr. R. P. Singh, Secretary General, QCI (right) speaking at Standards Conclave 2015



A session on Service Standards was chaired by Dr. R. P. Singh, Secretary General, QCI.

Two papers, one each on ‘Reorganizing Quality Infrastructure in India’ and ‘Promoting Quality in Services’ were presented by Mr. Anil Jauhari, CEO, NABCB.

Apart from other key topics such as Standards, Technical Regulations, SPS/TBT etc., deliberations were also held on Service Standards in view of the importance and the potential the service sector holds for the country. A roadmap and recommendations to bridge gap in standards, regulatory framework and conformity assessment infrastructure for SPS/TBT regimes and Service Standards were presented in the concluding session in the presence of the Cabinet Secretary. CEO, NABCB presented recommendations relating to TBT area.

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Sensitization Programme on Standards, Technical Regulation, Conformity Assessment and Accreditation

NABCB in order to sensitize all senior policy makers as well as implementing / regulatory authorities in the government on the role of standards, technical regulations, conformity assessment, accreditation and related mechanisms organized the Sensitization Program at New Delhi on 06 May 2015 so as to enhance their understanding and capacity of India's trade-related regulatory and other

institutions in order to meet national / international standards, technical regulations, requirements and business needs.



Mr. Sudhanshu Pandey, JS, DoC inaugurating the programme **Participants at the Sensitization Programme**

Mr. Sudhanshu Pandey, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce inaugurated the programme. He said that this programme will bring more clarity in understanding various terminologies and how standards and technical regulations can be a strong tool in safeguarding consumers, industry and country's interests.

Mr. Anil Jauhri, CEO, NABCB while speaking at the programme complimented Department of Commerce in taking a lead role in organizing Standards Conclave since last year in order to bring all stakeholders at one platform. He explained the various terminologies being used for easy understanding of concepts by the participants. He also presented on the implications of the WTO regime and technical regulations and/or voluntary standards affects the current global trade.

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Industry Awareness Programmes

NABCB plans to conduct at least 10 Industry Awareness Programmes in the FY 2015-16 to spread awareness on accreditation and its benefits to the industry. NABCB has conducted an Industry Awareness Programme at Solan on 27 June 2015 in collaboration with the World Association of Small & Medium Enterprises (WASME). About 80 participants attended the programme.

The participants were informed on the Voluntary Standards and Regulations, International equivalence of accreditation and its benefits to industry, Systems Certification and was also provided guidance on the selection of certification bodies.

NABCB is also in contact with other industry bodies like CII, FICCI, IEEMA, EEPC, RMA etc. to conduct more such programmes in the country in partnership with industry bodies.

Interested Industry bodies may contact NABCB.

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NABCB Consumer Awareness Programmes

In order to educate consumers and consumer organizations especially in smaller cities, NABCB has been organizing Consumer Awareness Programmes on "Quality of Products and Services" in partnership with the Consumer Coordination Council (CCC). One such programme was conducted at Shimla on 24 July 2015. About 80 consumer activists from the Himachal and nearby regions participated in this programme organized by NABCB.

The participants were informed on the Voluntary Standards and Regulations, Role of accreditation, Product and Systems Certification and Complaints handling.

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New Accreditations

During the last quarter (April – June 2015), NABCB has granted accreditations in Management

Systems (1), Product Certification (1) and Inspection (4) as follows:

- Bureau Veritas Certification (India) Pvt. Ltd. for Energy Management Systems as per ISO/IEC 17021 w.e.f. 20 May 2015
- Moody International (India) Pvt. Ltd. (Industry Services Division) for Inspection as per ISO/IEC 17020 (as Type-A inspection body) w.e.f. 05 May 2015
- Intertek India Pvt. Ltd. (Industry Services Division) for Inspection as per ISO/IEC 17020 (as Type-A inspection body) w.e.f. 05 May 2015
- RINA India Pvt. Ltd. for Inspection as per ISO/IEC 17020 (as Type-A inspection body) w.e.f. 21 May 2015
- Dr. Amin Controllers Pvt. Ltd. for Inspection as per ISO/IEC 17020 (as Type-A inspection body) w.e.f. 03 June 2015
- SGS India Pvt. Ltd. for Product Certification (GlobalG.A.P.) as per ISO/IEC 17065 w.e.f. 23 June 2015

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New Applications

The following new applications for accreditations were received during April – June 2015.

- AITF Management Certification Ltd for QMS (ISO 9001) as per ISO/IEC 17021
- Shashank Mehendale Consultants Pvt Ltd for Inspection as per ISO/IEC 17020

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NABCB Accreditations at a Glance

Scheme	Accreditations	Applications
Quality Management Systems (QMS)	41	06
Environmental Management Systems (EMS)	11	03
Inspection Bodies (IB)	29	11
Food Safety Management Systems (FSMS)	15	07
Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems (OHSMS)	07	03
Product Certification (PCB)	06	04
Information Security Management Systems (ISMS)	03	01
Energy Management Systems (EnMS)	03	04
Information Technology Service Management Systems (ITSMS)	01	-
Personnel Certification (PrCB)	-	-

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