

List of Conclusions and Resolutions

**agreed at the 40th Meeting of the EA Advisory Board
held on 17 October 2018**

Agenda Item 1 – Renewal of the EAAB Membership: nomination results and election of Chair and Vice-Chairs - Appointment of EAAB observers to MAC/HHC

The Board:

- revises the EAAB Terms of Reference to clarify the election of the Chair and Vice-Chairs under Article 5.1 as follows:
“The Members of the Board shall elect a Chair and two Vice-Chairs who will hold office for a period of three years with the possibility of re-election”;
- agrees unanimously to the election of Maureen Maria Logghe as the new Chair of the EAAB and Martin Stadler and Christian Priller as reappointed Vice-Chairs of EAAB;
- appoints Maureen Maria Logghe as EAAB MAC observer and Emmanuel Geneiatakis as EAAB HHC observer;

Action EAAB Secretariat to revise the EAAB ToR accordingly, and to republish them on the EA internet and intranet

- asks the EAAB Secretariat to check and revise the contact details of the members of the Colleges in the LIST OF EAAB MEMBERSHIP and delete EA from this list.

Action EAAB Secretariat to check and revise the details of EAAB Members as listed in EA-INF/02: Contact Persons of EA Full and Associate Members, Recognized Stakeholders and Observers in the light of the EAAB Membership List.

Agenda Item 3 – Key topics for discussion

Agenda Item 3.1 – Work program and expectations of members

The Board:

- decides to add new key topics to the current EAAB Work program as hereunder and agrees that Board members should review the program and come up with proposals for new key topics and actions, according to their expectations, for discussion at the next meeting;
 1. Recognition of the work of EAAB by EA
 2. Promotion of accreditation towards regulators
 3. Harmonization and consistency of accreditation requirements and practices across Europe
 4. Consistency in EA member ABs action at international level

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- agrees to review the EAAB document on the *Stakeholders' Expectations towards Accreditation and EA*, and invites Board members to send comments and proposals for amendments in written form to the EA Secretariat for discussion at the next meeting;
- asks EA to come up with a list of points and useful examples where they have encountered concerns, and issues in the implementation of the EA Policy for Relations with Stakeholders (EA-1/15: 2010).

Action EA

Action EAAB for next agenda/meeting

Action EAAB Secretariat: to send the word versions of the work program and of the EA Stakeholders' Expectations towards Accreditation and EA document and ask Board members for comments in track changes by 1st February 2019

Agenda Item 4 - EAAB matters

Agenda Item 4.1 - Revised EAAB Terms of Reference

The Board:

- agrees to guarantee gender neutrality and change the words *Chairman* and *Vice-Chairman* to *Chair* and *Vice-Chair* throughout the whole EAAB Terms of Reference document;
- asks EA to make a proposal to change the elements in Articles 2.3 and 5.5 of the EAAB Terms of Reference that appear to set down obligations for EA.

Action EA

Action EAAB Secretariat to revise the EAAB ToR accordingly, and to republish them on the EA internet and intranet

Agenda Item 4.2 - Reports from the EAAB HHC and MAC observers

The Board:

- thanks Maureen Maria Logghe for her comprehensive written report on the MAC meeting held on 3rd and 4th October 2018, and takes note of the various issues addressed in them.
- With regard to item 6 of above mentioned report, agrees that if the NAB is not a signatory to the relevant MLA, the NA could still report the notification to the European Commission (COM) according to the alternative route. However, the NA would then also have to indicate the alternative way, which would entail a correspondingly extended report by the NA and an extended approval routine at the COM and the other MS authorities.
- invites the European Commission to discuss item 6 at the next Internal Market of Products (IMP) expert group meeting in January 2019 (tbc).

Action European Commission

Agenda Item 4.3 - Issue Consultancy - current developments

The Board:

- supports the start of the exchange of information process between EA and the CAB and industry colleges;

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- welcomes the approach driven by the HHC to look for examples / scenarios of good practice regarding impartiality and confidentiality with respect of the work of CABs, and believes that drafting such scenarios could help the work of the assessors in their decision making process;
- again refers to the Document CERTIF 2015-02 rev.03 and points out that it follows the principle that typically the individual case in question needs to be considered;
- takes note of the process of the need, as stated by EA, to reconsider the CERTIF 2015-02 rev 03 document in the relevant places and that the resolution taken by EA is to reflect a common position by EA members ;
- takes note of the statement made by EA that the EA resolution is reflecting a common position, but the board does not want to see it as a binding rule for AB but rather as input for discussion at the Internal Market of Products (IMP) expert group meeting;
- agrees that the advice of the Board, reflecting the common position of all members, should be laid down in the form of a Resolution:

RESOLUTION: EAAB calls upon EA to suspend the implementation of the EA Resolution 2017 (40) 13 regarding consultancy until further consensus on the interpretation of the CERTIF 2015-02 rev 03 document has been reached.

Agenda Item 4.4 - EA Policy to speak with “one voice”

The Board:

- welcomes the approach taken by EA in this policy in order to arrive at greater consistency and harmonization;
- finds, however, that the current version of the policy still contains language in the form more of a “discussion” document than a “policy” document as such, and advises EA to have another look at the relevant parts of the document.

Agenda Item 5 - EA matters

Agenda Item 5.1 - Implementation of EA Strategy 2025 - Progress report

The Board:

- welcomes the progress made in implementing the EA Strategy;
- thanks EA for the background information and details given about the changes in *TFG 6: Analyse and propose new stakeholder policy including relevant procedures for cooperation with stakeholders* which is particularly relevant for the EAAB.

Agenda Item 5.2 - Accreditation for Notification (AfN) project part II

The Board:

- thanks EA for the background information and details given about the progress made in the AfN project part II and encourages EA to raise the voice in the ongoing revision of the construction regulation.

Agenda Item 5.3 - Use of accreditation by the European Commission - current developments

- **General Data Protection Regulation**
- **Cybersecurity Act**
- **Proposed Regulation on fertilizing products**
- **New regulation on electronic freight transport information**
- **Proposed regulation on drones**
- **EU-Japan EPA**
- **and others**

The Board:

- thanks EA and the European Commission for the update on the current developments and efforts in supporting accreditation as the best option to demonstrate competence of conformity assessment bodies;
- asks EA to promote within the European Commission for ensuring harmonization regarding developing schemes.

Agenda Item 5.4 - Brexit and EA – Progress report

The Board:

- takes note that the deed of amendment of EA's Articles of Association should be endorsed in November and might be applied in May 2019. For the time being, article 6 clause 7 applies. The EA GA will decide how to proceed after the BREXIT negotiations are concluded;
- expects that clearer information about the BREXIT and transitional arrangements will be available for the next EAAB meeting in spring 2019.

Agenda Item 5.5 - New EA work items

The Board:

- endorses the new work items proposed for:
 - Revision of EA-1/14: Procedure for Development and Approval of EA Documents and Adoption of ILAC/IAF Documents;
 - Revision of EA-2/02 EA Procedure for the evaluation of a National Accreditation Body
 - Revision of EA 4_02 Evaluation of the Uncertainty of Measurement in Calibration
 - Revision of EA 4_09 Accreditation for Sensory Testing Laboratories
 - Revision of EA INF_13 Accreditation of Opinions and Interpretations;
 - Revision EA_6_02 Guidelines on the use of EN 45011 and ISO/IEC 17021 For certification to EN ISO 3834.

Agenda Item 5.6 Relations with stakeholders

The Board:

- corrects the nature of the item 5.6 of the agenda from “ information” to “decision”;
- approves the AEBIOM's (Bioenergy Europe) application for Recognized Stakeholder status.

Agenda Item 6 - Items for information

Agenda Item 6.1 Information to the EAAB

The Board:

- thanks EA for the oral and written reports provided under this item.
- agrees that regarding the point on IHAF (International Halal Accreditation Forum), it would be desirable that the EA members follow the same voice (coordinated opinions) at international level;
- takes note of the request from the European Commission to keep some distance in the discussions given the uncertainty in the sector and the thin line with human rights.

Agenda Item 8 – Confirmation and selection of dates and places of next meetings

The Board:

- confirms the following dates for the next EAAB meetings:
 - Spring 2019 meeting 14th of May
 - Autumn 2019 meeting 7th November
 - Spring 2020 meeting 28 April

Action EAAB Secretariat to confirm the location of the next meetings in Spring 2019 with EFTA

- thanks EFTA for hosting the EAAB meeting;
- sends cordial greetings to Frédérique Laudinet and best wishes for a fast recovery;
- thanks Diana Popa for taking over, on behalf of the EAAB Secretariat the reporting of the EAAB meeting.

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