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IFOAM and ISO/IEC 65 Accreditation Programmes

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Identification of accreditation body on certificates

IFOAM Norms (2005) criterion 7.4.1 and ISO/IEC Guide 65 (1996) clause 12.3 specify requirements for certification documents which are broadly similar.

Earlier in 2007 you were consulted on and later informed that the IOAS has adopted the Guidance to ISO/IEC65 of the International Accreditation Forum (available from www.iaf.nu). The following is extracted from that document:

G.12.7 For a certification document to represent accredited certification it should be issued by a certification body in accordance with the conditions of its accreditation and should unambiguously identify the accreditation body and the issuing certification body. Where a certification body holds more than one accreditation covering the scope of the certification, the accredited certification documents should identify at least one of the accreditation bodies.

This represents additional requirements to that required previously as follows:

ISO/IEC65 accreditation

For ISO65 accredited certification bodies the IOAS will now enforce these requirements. However given that such documentation is generally only issued annually, we propose to highlight discrepancies but only require full compliance as of **January 1, 2009**.

Please note that:

1. Certificates must either bear the 'IOAS logo' or the 'IOAS name and your contract number'. In cases where the certification body is accredited by more than one accreditation body for the specified scope, the certificate may bear the logo or name of either.
2. Only certificates (or equivalent documentation) issued under the accredited programme may bear the IOAS logo or name.
3. These requirements have been added to the ISO/IEC65 accreditation contract. Unless you are signing a new accreditation contract shortly the IOAS will send all ISO/IEC65 accredited bodies an amendment to the contract for you to sign.
4. The logo can be obtained in jpg or eps format from info@ioas.org Its use is guided by IOAS document PL0515 also attached here.

IFOAM accreditation

These requirements are not required for IFOAM accredited certification bodies. However the IOAS Board considered it appropriate to permit use of the IOAS logo and name where it was desired by the certification body. When used, all the above requirements must be observed. Clear reference to compliance with IFOAM Norms or use of the IFOAM seal must still also be observed in line with IOAS document PL0521 and official notice 2002-08.

The appropriate use of the IOAS logo and name, in line with these requirements, will form part of our surveillance.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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