ANSI Accreditation Program
ISCC Certification Schemes

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Accreditation of Product Certification Bodies - ANSI
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- U.S. member of the IEC, via ANSI’s U.S. National Committee

- a U.S. member of IAF and ILAC

- liaison with groups in Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Middle East

- bilateral agreements with other national standards bodies
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Program Recognitions

- **International**
  - signatory of the International Accreditation Forum and Pacific Accreditation Cooperation Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (IAF-PAC MLA)

- **Government Agencies**
  - Federal Communications Commission – Telecommunication Certification Body (TCB) Program (NIST NVCASE) for the following economies:
    - FCC
    - IC (Canada)
    - Singapore IDA
    - OFTA (Hong Kong)
    - Japan MIC
  - EPA WaterSense Program
  - EPA Energy Star Program

- **Industry Sector – Scheme Owners**
  - GAA
  - Food Marketing Institute – SQF
  - British Retailers Consortium (BRC)
  - Primus GFS
  - GLOBALG.A.P
  - IFS
  - American Forest & Paper Association – SFI
  - CanadaGAP
  - ISCC
  - GlobalGAP

- **Professional Societies**
  - ASME – Elevators and Escalators

- **U.S. State Government**
  - Florida Building Commission
  - Sanitation Program and Drinking Water Program
  - Other State Regulatory Agencies

81 Accredited CBs
26 MOU’s with Certification program Owners
Top Level Accreditation Documents

- **PRO-PL-101**: Policy and Criteria for Accreditation of Certification Programs

- **PRO-PL-102**: Manual of Operations for Accreditation of Certification Programs

- **PRO-PL-103**: Operating Procedures of the Accreditation Committee
ANSI preparation to Deliver Accreditation in Accordance with ISCC requirements

- ISCC Presentation at ANSI Accreditation Committee Meeting
- MOU with ISCC
  - ANSI Staff and Technical Assessor participated in the ISCC training
  - Developed Procedures for ISCC certification program
ANSI preparation to Deliver Accreditation in Accordance with ISCC requirements

- ANSI Launched Pilot Program: Accreditation to ISCC Certification System for Sustainability and Greenhouse Gas Emissions - Applications accepted From February 5 to March 26, 2015
  - 5 Enquiries
  - One application in process
    (First Environment, Inc.)
ANSI Accreditation Criteria
ISCC - Certification Bodies

- ISO/IEC 17065 – Conformity Assessment – Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services
- ANSI – PR – 171 Sector Specific Accreditation Program for International Sustainability and Carbon Certification (ISCC)
- ISCC Certification Program requirements
ANSI – Accreditation Process
For Product Certification Bodies

- Application
- Preparation for Assessment
- Initial Onsite and Witness Assessment
- Assessment Report
- Accreditation Committee Renders Decision
- Surveillance & Reassessment
ANSI – Accreditation Process
For Product Certification Bodies

Application

- Completed application and documentation Submit to ANSI
- Review of acceptability of application
- Announcement application - Standards Action
- Assign the ANSI assessment team (Lead Assessor and Technical Assessor)
- Provide Document Review Report and the Initial Assessment Plan to the applicant
ANSI – Accreditation Process
For Product Certification Bodies

- Onsite Assessment
  - Lead Assessor and Technical Assessor Conduct (on-site and witness assessments)
  - Initial assessment covers accreditation requirements
    - (PRO-PL-102)
  - Assessment team presents assessment results to applicant
  - NCRs posted in ANSICA database, if any
- Conduct Witness Assessment
ANSI – Accreditation Process For Product Certification Bodies

- Analysis of Findings and Assessment Report
  - Assessment report will be submitted to the applicant 30 days after the conclusion of the assessment
  - Applicant submits Corrective actions; If applicable
  - Assessment team reviews corrective action
Responsibilities of the ANSI Accreditation Committee

- Policy matter formulation relating to accreditation program operations
- Review and approval of assessment criteria and procedures
- Reviewing the process of evaluation
- Supervising the implementation of accreditation program policies
- Render decisions on granting, maintaining, extending, reducing, suspending and withdrawing accreditation
ANSI – Accreditation Process
For Product Certification Bodies

- Decision-making and granting accreditation
  - ANSI Accreditation Committee and Evaluation Task Group will review records related to the accreditation process and make decision on accreditation
  - CB applicants found to be in conformance with the accreditation requirements will be accredited by ANSI ACC
  - Accreditation - 2-year cycle
Surveillance/ Re-Assessments

To ensure

- Continuing conformance with and ANSI and ISCC requirements
- Evaluate the implementation and verify the effectiveness of corrective actions initiated to resolve non-conformities found previously
- Evaluate significant organization or documentation changes implemented as a result of revisions to accreditation requirements or modifications to the accredited certification body management
What Makes ANSI Accreditation Special?
MLA Signatory
Demonstrate Value of Accreditation
Impartiality
Clarity
Assessment
Appeals
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