

SADCAS EXTENDS INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION IN THE IAF MLA

SADCAS is delighted to announce the extension of international recognition in the International Accreditation Forum Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (IAF MLA) to the following sub-scope under the Main Scope Management Systems Certification (ISO/IEC 17021-1)

- Food Safety Management Systems (FSMS) – [Level 4: ISO/TS 22003; Level 5:ISO 22000]

This extension was granted by IAF on 14 October 2021 taking into account the letter of support from the African Accreditation Cooperation who had granted the said extension in September 2021. This brings to four (4) the sub-scopes for which SADCAS is now internationally recognized under the IAF MLA including:

- Quality Management Systems, ISO/IEC 17021-3, QMS (ISO 9001:2015);
- Environmental Management Systems, ISO/IEC 17021-2:2016, EMS (ISO 14001:2015); and
- Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems, ISO/IEC TS 17021- 10:2018, OHSMS (ISO 45001:2018)

The IAF MLA status on the SADCAS page in the [Member Details - IAF](#) of the IAF website has been updated to reflect this achievement.

The IAF is the world association of Conformity Assessment Accreditation Bodies and other bodies interested in conformity assessment in the fields of management systems, products, services, personnel and other similar programmes of conformity assessment. Its primary function is to develop a single worldwide program of conformity assessment which reduces risk for business and its customers by assuring them that accredited certificates may be relied upon. Accreditation assures users of the competence and impartiality of the body accredited.

Through this international recognition the certificates issued by SADCAS accredited certification bodies are recognized in 69 economies worldwide thus removing the need for repetitive certifications. Effectively this means that through internationally recognized accreditation SADC Member States serviced by SADCAS and whose certification bodies are accredited by SADCAS have better access to foreign markets – A truly global reach!

