



To all UKAS Accredited Organisations

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Dear UKAS Contact,

### **Withdrawal of Accreditation for Activities in Iran**

This letter requires you to take action if you have provided accredited services to Iranian based companies.

We are contacting all UKAS accredited organisations following correspondence we have received from the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) on behalf of BIS and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) concerning activities in Iran.

BIS and FCO have requested that, given the breadth and reach of UK and EU sanctions against Iran and the UK's policy on discouraging trade with Iran, UKAS ceases to provide UKAS accreditation for any conformity assessment activity that takes place in Iran for Iranian based companies. This includes both where these activities are conducted from a Conformity Assessment Body's (CAB) permanent operational facilities in Iran and where the CAB issues certificates to Iranian based organisations using the CAB's agents or operatives that are either based in or travel to Iran for that purpose. EU restrictive measures against Iran are set out in Council Regulations 264/2012 and 267/2012.

As a consequence of this request UKAS will now take the following actions:

- Where a CAB has an Iranian location/address listed on its schedule of accreditation, accreditation is withdrawn with immediate effect for the activities that take place at or from that location. A revised schedule will be issued within the next few weeks;
- Where a Certification Body's (CB) schedule has Iran listed as one of the countries into which it has issued UKAS accredited certificates, the reference to Iran will be removed; this decision has been taken to ensure that there is no expectation of any customer or potential customer of a CB that the CB may be able to issue an accredited certificate in Iran. Revised schedules will be issued as soon as possible.

If you are a CAB that has issued accredited certificates and/or offers accredited services in Iran you are now required to take the following action:

- Immediately remove reference to accreditation for any of your activities in Iran;

- Cease issuing any certificates, reports, advertising material or printed stationery that carry the UKAS national accreditation symbol or any reference to UKAS accreditation for conformity assessment activities that take place in Iran for Iranian based companies;
- Where relevant, you must inform any of your current customers or those enquiring about UKAS accredited conformity assessment work in Iran of the withdrawal of accreditation for these activities;
- Withdraw any accredited certificates that have been issued on or after 1 July 2012, you may choose to reissue them as non-accredited certificates but you will need to consider the general advice on trade with Iran provided by UKTI.

If you have any general enquiries concerning trade with Iran please refer to the UKTI website:

<http://www.ukti.gov.uk/export/countries/asiapacific/middleeast/iran.html>

If you have any specific queries concerning any conformity assessment activities in Iran that have previously been included within your scope of UKAS accreditation, please contact your Assessment Manager.

Yours sincerely



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