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**QUALITY POLICY**

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**MISSION**

Formation of the National Accreditation System of the Republic of Belarus as an infrastructure of trust for business, government and customers. It is expected that such infrastructure would guarantee safety and competitive abilities of products and services and create new values in close cooperation with the system of technical regulation and standardization that ensures the uniformity of measurements..

**VISION**

Commitment to achieve universal recognition of BSCA performance through implementation of international accreditation requirements, strict compliance with the national requirements in the field of accreditation, development of a register of qualified assessors and technical assessors, raise of technical competence of conformity assessment bodies and quality of services they provide, thereby increasing confidence in the conformity assessment results and confidence of market in products and services quality.

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*BSCA is the sole accreditation body of the Republic of Belarus. BSCA performs the accreditation of CABs in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Belarus in the field of accreditation taking into account the requirements of the international standards and obligatory documents of the international accreditation organizations. In accreditation activity BSCA focuses on the implementation of a unified state and technical policy in the field of accreditation in order to improve the economic condition of the Republic of Belarus through eliminating technical barriers to trade and ensuring the competitive abilities of products of domestic manufacturers*

BSCA strategic goals and growth areas are as follows:

improvement of regulatory legal support for accreditation;

maintaining international recognition of accreditation and conditions for recognition of conformity assessment results at the international level on the basis of recognition of accreditation;

development of Eurasian integration in the field of accreditation;

development of expert community and increasing the competence of participants of the National Accreditation System;

development, implementation and integration of information systems in the field of accreditation;

increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of accreditation activities.

To achieve BSCA strategic goals and develop growth areas, the key resources are those that ensure the solution of the main tasks, i.e. impartiality and objectivity of accreditation activities, staff competence, teamwork and technological solutions.

**In the course of accreditation BSCA aims at the following**:

to achieve the mission and ensure the long-term development of accreditation in the Republic of Belarus in accordance with the needs of economy, legal requirements, and relevant standards;

to ensure sustainable recognition of BSCA abroad on the basis of international agreements and agreements on mutual recognition in those scopes of accreditation where BSCA is a signatory;

to create conditions for compliance with obligations arising from ILAC membership and the status of ILAC MRA signatory;

to recognize the equivalence of the accreditation systems of other ILAC MRA signatories and promote the recognition of conformity assessment documents issued by CABs that are accredited by other ILAC MRA signatories;

to avoid competition with other accreditation bodies; to expand cooperation with them aimed at the mutual exchange of information and practical experience, consideration of complaints, mutual provision of experts in specific scopes, compliance with the policies and principles of cross-border accreditation services;

to implement strategic directions for the development of Eurasian economic integration;

to provide accreditation services competently, non-discriminatorily, objectively and impartially at all levels so that end users of conformity assessment services have confidence in the results of the work of CABs accredited by BSCA (Appendix 1 “Senior Management Commitments”);

to maintain confidentiality of information received during the accreditation process at all BSCA levels;

to identify, analyze, evaluate, process, monitor and document risks to impartiality on an ongoing basis, including any conflict of interest arising in BSCA activities, among them external relations and staff relations;

to continuously comply with the requirements of the legislation of the Republic of Belarus in the field of accreditation, comply with the provisions of GOST ISO/IEC 17011-2018 standard, monitor and promptly implement relevant international standards and mandatory documents of international accreditation organizations related to BSCA activities;

to ensure the availability of current accreditation requirements for accredited CABs by posting relevant information on the official BSCA website on the Internet www.bsca.by and BSCA digital platform Accreditation;

to conduct an analysis of the needs of stakeholders and take its results into account when carrying out accreditation activities;

not to offer or provide conformity assessment services and consulting on accreditation issues or preparation for CAB accreditation;

not have a share or any financial or managerial interests in CABs;

maintain and improve BSCA management system, ensure its understanding and application at all BSCA levels;

ensure that all BSCA employees understand the significance of the work they perform, are aware of the responsibility for the quality of the work they perform, and comply with the obligations of the Declaration of Assessor.

Senior management undertakes a commitment that BSCA staff implement this Policy. The Quality Manager undertakes to ensure the continuous functioning of the entity management system and the annual development of measurable goals consistent with this Policy.

The quality policy may be revised based on the results of annual management review.