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NEW VERSION OF A STANDARD**

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## BSCA POLICY ON TRANSITION TO A NEW STANDARD OR NEW VERSION OF A STANDARD

*This policy defines the policy of the State Enterprise "BSCA" (hereinafter – BSCA) regarding the order of transition to new standards or to new versions of a standards used as accreditation schemes. The policy applies to BSCA activity as well as applicants for accreditation and accredited bodies.*

When international organizations for accreditations (ILAC and IAF including the European co-operation for Accreditation) adopt resolutions regarding transition to new standards or new versions of standards (hereinafter referred to as the Resolution), that establish accreditation criteria, the State Enterprise "BSCA" follows the procedure.

### 1. State Enterprise "BSCA":

- determines the suitability of the new standard/new version of the standard through analysis of the need to implement the new standard/new version of the standard in the National Accreditation System of the Republic of Belarus;
- initiates the development of the standard by the standardization bodies and monitors the adoption of the required standard as an interstate or state standard;
- develops the policy of transition to the new standard/new version of the standard;
- informs interested parties (applicants for accreditation, accredited bodies) of actions necessary to implement the policy of transition to the new standard/new version of the standard by posting information on the website [www.bsca.by](http://www.bsca.by) and sending the information directly to interested parties.

2. In the policy of transition to the new standard/new version of the standard BSCA determines:

2.1. The procedure for the accreditation body to transfer to the new standard/new version of the standard includes but is not limited to the following:

- set transition period in accordance with the resolution (resolutions) of EA/ILAC/IAF;
- analysis and ensuring the necessary competence of assessors and technical experts, including planning and conducting training on the requirements of the new standard/new version of the standard;
- analysis and provision of the resources necessary for the preparation and implementation of competency assessments under the new standard/new version of the standard;
- development and implementation of the assessment schedule for the new standard/new version of the standard;
- development and updating of BSCA management system documents in connection with transition to the new standard/new version of the standard, if it is necessary;

- making decisions on time so that to update/issue accreditation certificates or scope of accreditation;
- maintaining communication with interesting parties on transition to the new standard/new version of the standard.

2.2. The procedure for conformity assessment bodies to transfer to the new standard/new version of the standard includes but is not limited to the following:

- preparation, agreeing with accreditation body and implementation of the transition plan to the new standard/new version of the standard;
- analysis and ensuring the necessary competence of personnel of the accredited body, including planning and conducting training to the requirements of the new standard/new version of the standard;
- ensuring compliance of the management system with the new requirements of the new standard/new version of the standard;
- undertaking assessment of competence by the accreditation body in accordance with the schedule agreed with the accreditation body;
- informing interesting parties including clients about transition to the new standard/new version of the standard
- planning and conducting of audits for new requirement, if it is necessary;
- maintaining communication with the BSCA on the implementation of the transition plan and compliance with the established transition period.

3. At the end of the transition period to the new standard/new version of the standard all accreditation certificates for compliance of the applicants and accredited bodies with the previous version of the standard are considered invalid.