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POLICY ON CROSS BORDER ACCREDITATION

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This document defines the policy of the State Enterprise "BSCA" (hereinafter – BSCA) on cross-border accreditation.

The Policy applies to BSCA activities and activities of the accredited CABs of other countries seeking accreditation by BSCA.

1 This Policy is developed to meet the requirements set in the documents of: the European Cooperation for Accreditation (EA), the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC), the International Accreditation Forum (IAF):

EA-2/13 “EA Cross Border Accreditation Policy and Procedure for Cross Border Cooperation between EA Members”;

I IAF MD 12 “Accreditation Assessment of Conformity Assessment Bodies with Activities in Multiple Countries”;

ILAC G21 “Cross Frontier Accreditation — Principles for Cooperation”.

2 Within the regions of the European Union (EU) and the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU) BSCA:

- provides services mainly to the organizations established on the territory of the Republic of Belarus and acting as legal entities of the Republic of Belarus;

- does not compete with accreditation bodies - EEU members and EA Multilateral Agreement (MLA) signatories;

- does not advertise its accreditation services in the country of another accreditation body in the EU and EEU regions.

3 BSCA provides accreditation services to foreign conformity assessment bodies (CABs) only in the following cases:

3.1 if there is no national accreditation body in the country;

3.2 if the national accreditation body of the country does not perform accreditation in the applied scope;

3.3 if the national accreditation body of the country is not a signatory to the EA MLA (MLA, MRA, EEU Agreements);

3.4 if a foreign CAB is part of an entity within a group of other CABs that seek accreditation by one accreditation body (BSCA).

If the BSCA has granted accreditations to foreign CABs in the case set out in clauses 3.2 and 3.3, the BSCA informs foreign CABs that they will have to transfer their accreditation to the national accreditation body of their country as soon as these conditions change. In this case the BSCA does not initiate a new accreditation cycle or extend the accreditation.

4 While monitoring activities of a CAB located abroad, BSCA cooperates with the regional accreditation body: invites it to take part in the work of the evaluation team as an observer or a participant.

5 If the national accreditation body of another country informs BSCA about the assessment of competence for the purpose of accreditation conducted against the applicant from the Republic of Belarus, the BSCA either observes the assessment or participates in the assessment.

6 The applicant for accreditation and the accredited CAB are obliged to inform BSCA in writing about obtaining accreditation outside the Republic of Belarus within a period of not more than 10 days from the obtaining.

7 When performing accreditation of a CAB in the Republic of Belarus for compliance with the national standards (regulations) of another country, BSCA refers to the national accreditation body of the country that has passed the standard (regulation) to verify the correct interpretation of the standard (regulation).

8 BSCA ensures that CABs accredited by BSCA established in the Republic of Belarus and operating in other countries have the necessary competence.