# Dutch Accreditation Council (RvA)

# Policy rule for the field of Activities of the RvA

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RvA policy rules describe the RvA rules and the policy on specific subjects.

A current version of the policy rules can be obtained from the RvA web site (www.rva.nl).

**Article 1.**

In this policy rule the Dutch Accreditation Council (RvA) has, having regard to Article 8(5) of Regulation (EC) No 765/2008, listed the conformity assessment activities it is able to accredit.

**Article 2.**

1. Conformity assessment bodies can apply to the RvA for accreditation for conformity assessment activities that can be carried out under the activities and working areas specified in Annex 1 to this policy rule.
2. A conformity assessment scheme in the activities and working areas specified in Annex 1, is published on the RvA's website in the 'list of schemes (BR010-lijst) the RvA can provide accreditation for', in case the relevant version of the scheme:
   a. has been evaluated with a positive outcome conforming to policy rule RvA BR012;
   b. was previously published on the scope of acceptance of a scheme owner according to Regulation RvA-R013, as long as the scheme remains unchanged. Schemes for which no accreditation had been granted on January 1, 2018, were removed from the list;
   c. has been accepted by the EA according to EA1-/22, and for which de RvA has decided it will provide accreditation services;
   d. has been published by the IAF as an "endorsed scheme" in IAF-PR4 and for which the RvA has decided it will provide accreditation services.

   Conformity assessment bodies can apply for accreditation by the RvA for these conformity assessment schemes.
3. National schemes as stated in policy rule RvA-BR012, which have been published in the list as mentioned in the previous section, for which no valid RvA-accreditation has existed for over two years, will be removed from that list.
4. The RvA may decide to provide certain accreditation services only to legal entities established in the Netherlands, because of limitations in availability of resources and competence within RvA. This is indicated in Annex 1.

**Article 3.**

If accreditation is sought for an activity or working area that is not specified in Annex 1 to this policy rule, the RvA will not immediately be able to accept an application. In this case the RvA will consider developing the accreditation for this activity or working area, to enable it to accept the application at a later date.

**Article 4.**

In cases where it is not easy to decide whether an activity or working area counts among the activities in Annex 1, the board of the RvA shall decide whether an activity or working area may be regarded as being within the competence of the RvA.

**Article 5.**

The RvA will decide to amend the Annex with activity or working area if its competence is changed. Such a decision can be taken if:

1. a development process has led to the acquisition of additional competence;
2. there are other reasons for including an activity or working area in the competence of the RvA;
3. during the periodical evaluation of its own competence it is established that the RvA no longer has or wishes to have competence for given activities or working areas.

**Article 6.**

This document shall come into force on the day of publication in the Government Gazette.

**Article 7.**

The following significant changes have been made compared with version 7, dated 11 February 2021:

- In Annex 1 accreditation according to EN-ISO/IEC 17029 has been added (part 2) and in part 1 the reference to the European regulations for EU/ETS has been updated. Accreditation according to Corsia has also been added.
- In management system certification (part 5) privacy information management system has been added to information security systems and certification according to the Explosive Remnants of War Location management system has been added.
- In Annex 2 (Accreditation in the context of European Directives and Regulations for the purpose of notification as ‘notified body’) the EU fertilising products regulation has been added.

**Annex 1: Conformity assessment activities for which accreditation can be obtained from the RvA**

For activities marked with (NL) only bodies established in the Netherlands can be accredited by the RvA.

### *1. Performance of greenhouse gas validations and verifications as referred to in EN ISO/IEC 14065*

| AREAS |
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| Validation and verification schemes based on the ISO 14064 series (NL);<br>Verification schemes for emissions data according to directive 2003/87/EC (EU-ETS, including the requirements of European Regulations (EU) 2018/2067 and (EU) 2018/2066) (NL);<br>CORSIA (NL)<br>Validation and verification schemes for emissions data according to regulation (EU) 2015/757 (the monitoring, reporting and verification of carbon dioxide emissions from maritime transport, including the requirements of delegated regulation (EU) 2016/2072). |

### *2. The performance of validations or verifications as referred to in EN ISO/IEC 17029*

| AREAS |
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| Validation and verification schemes based on the ISO 14064 series (NL);<br>Verification schemes for emissions data according to the directive 2003/87/EC (EU ETS, including the requirements of European Regulations (EU) 2018/2067 and (EU) 2018/2066)) (NL);<br>CORSIA (NL)<br>Validation and verification schemes for emissions data according to the regulation (EU) 2015/757 (the monitoring, the reporting and the verification of carbon dioxide emissions by maritime transport, including the requirements of delegated regulation (EU) 2016/2072). |

### *3. Performance of (medical) tests as referred to in EN ISO 15189*

| SPECIALITIES |
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| Clinical Chemistry and haematology;<br>Clinical Embryology;<br>Thrombo-embolic disease;<br>Medical Immunology;<br>Medical Microbiology;<br>Clinical Pharmacy;<br>Clinical Genetics;<br>Clinical Pathology;<br>Biometric testing.<br><br>In these specialities the Dutch Accreditation Council accredits, where relevant, also for:<br>• Point of Care Testing according to ISO 22870;<br>• Sampling;<br>• Research |

### *4. Inspections as referred to in EN ISO/IEC 17020*

FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

Agriculture, forestry and floriculture, including transport and including sustainability requirements;
Cattle and cattle breeding, including transport and including animal welfare and sustainability requirements;
Environmental compartments water, soil, air;
Fuels, chemicals, ores and minerals, including transport and storage;
Biofuels, including sustainability requirements;
Cattle feeds, including storage, distribution and transport and including sustainability requirements;
Food, ingredients for the food industry, including transport and storage and including sustainability requirements;
Consumer products;
Metal and metal products;
Building materials and structures;
Vertical and horizontal transport such as lifts, hoisting and lifting equipment, foundation machinery and cranes **(NL)**;
Machinery, instruments, (pressure) equipment, (electrical) appliances, installations and equipment, tools and rail infra machines;
Transport equipment, vehicles, storage and transhipment facilities;
Financial services(NL);
Administrative systems(NL);
Government inspections(NL);
Forensic inspection of materials;
Forensic crime scene investigation.

European Directives and Regulations(NL) As stipulated in Annex 2.

European Directives(NL):
Transportable Pressure Equipment: 2010/35/EU

European Regulations(NL):
- Commission implementing regulation on the common safety method for risk evaluation and assessment: 402/2013/EU
- Regulation laying down specific hygiene rules for on the hygiene of foodstuffs of animal origin 853/2004/EC
- Regulation laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety: 178/2002/EC

### *5. Certification of management systems as referred to in EN ISO/IEC 17021-1*

FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

Quality management systems;
Environmental management systems;
Food safety management systems;
Safety and occupational health and safety management systems;
Information security systems, including privacy information management system;
IT service systems, including systems for electronic signatures;
Energy management systems(NL);
Business continuity systems(NL);
Asset management systems(NL).
Explosive Remnants of War Location management system

European Directives and Regulations(NL): As stipulated in Annex 2.

### *6. Certification of persons as referred to in EN ISO/IEC 17024(NL)*

| COMPETENCE AREAS |
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| NDT personnel and inspectors;<br>Quality experts;<br>Safety experts, health and safety experts, industrial hygiene experts;<br>Welders, welding inspectors;<br>Asbestos removal;<br>Electrical engineers;<br>Evaluator of competences acquired elsewhere;<br>Academic counsellors and careers advisers;<br>Datacentre professional and specialist. |

### *7. Performance of tests as referred to in EN ISO/IEC 17025*

| MAIN AREA | SUBAREA |
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| Agricultural products, food, food industry, feed; | Microbiology and biology;<br>Chemical testing;<br>Physical testing;<br>Sampling. |
| Environmental compartments water, soil and air; | Microbiology and biology;<br>Chemical testing;<br>Physical testing;<br>Acoustic testing;<br>Radiation;<br>Sampling. |
| Forensic; | Toxicology;<br>DNA testing;<br>Chemical (forensic) testing;<br>Physical (forensic) testing;<br>Biological (forensic) testing;<br>Biometry;<br>Pathology. |
| Human health, animals and animal health; | Veterinary toxicology;<br>Veterinary chemistry;<br>Microbiology;<br>Virology;<br>Biology;<br>Immunology;<br>Histology;<br>Pathology;<br>Fertility;<br>Sampling. |
| Fuels, ores, minerals, chemicals, metals and precious metals, medicines; | Chemical testing;<br>Physical testing;<br>Toxicology;<br>Sampling. |
| Materials, raw materials, products for the construction industry, including road construction; | Chemical testing;<br>Physical testing;<br>Functionality tests;<br>Fire resistance;<br>Sampling. |

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| Machinery, instruments, (pressure) equipment, (electrical) appliances, installations and equipment, tools, vehicles and toys; | Destructive testing;<br>Non-destructive testing;<br>Mechanical tests;<br>Functionality tests;<br>Safety;<br>Electrical safety, EMC. |
| Textiles, leather and leather products; | Chemical testing;<br>Physical testing. |
| Personal protective equipment; | Physical testing;<br>Functionality;<br>Safety. |
| Software. | Security;<br>Functionality. |
| European Directives and Regulations (NL) | As stipulated in Annex 2; |

### *8. Performance of calibrations as referred to in EN ISO/IEC 17025*

| QUANTITIES |
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| DC/LF quantities; |
| High frequency quantities; |
| Magnetic quantities; |
| Time and frequency; |
| Dimensional quantities; |
| Force; |
| Mass; |
| Pressure and vacuum; |
| Torque; |
| Acoustic quantities; |
| Acceleration; |
| Ultrasonic; |
| Density and viscosity; |
| Flow of gases and liquids; |
| Optical quantities; |
| Ionising radiation and radioactivity; |
| Temperature; |
| Humidity; |
| Chemical analyses and reference materials; |
| Medical reference laboratories. |

### *9. Performance of interlaboratory comparative testing as referred to in EN ISO/IEC 17043*

| AREAS |
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| Soil, sediment, sludge, water bottoms; |
| Vegetable materials, feed, compost and fertiliser; |
| Food; |
| Chemicals, paints, coatings, cosmetics, fuels, biomass, oils and fats; |
| Plastic, textiles, leather; |
| Toys; |
| Water, other liquids; |
| Primary animal products, manure; |
| Body fluids and excreta; |
| Measuring instruments, mass standards. |

### *10. Certification of products (including services and processes) as referred to in EN ISO/IEC 17065*

FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

Agriculture, forestry, ornamental plant cultivation, cattle breeding and cattle feeds and including sustainability and animal welfare schemes;
Wood, wood processing and wood products and including sustainability requirements;
Food and ingredients for the food industry and including sustainability requirements;
Machinery, instruments, (pressure) equipment, (electrical) appliances, installations and equipment, tools;
Vehicles;
Vertical and horizontal transport such as lifts, hoisting and lifting equipment, foundation machinery and cranes;
Consumer products including services to consumers;
Metal, metal processing and metal products;
Building materials, structures, soil, waste products, archaeology;
Financial services(NL);
Health care services(NL).

European Directives and Regulations(NL): As stipulated in Annex 2;

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| European Directive (NL): Marine Equipment (Modules B, D, E, F en G) | 2014/90/EU; |
| Interoperability of the rail system | 2016/797/EU; |

European Regulations(NL):

- Regulation on organic production and labelling of organic products 834/2007/EC;
- Regulation on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control 889/2008/EC;
- Regulation on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market 910/2014/EU.

### *11. The production of reference materials as referred to in EN ISO 17034* (NL)

AREAS

Reference materials with microbiological properties;
Gas mixtures;
Liquids.

### *12. The performance of environmental verifications as referred to in Regulation (EC) 1221/2009 (EMAS)* (NL)

AREAS

Environmental verifications in the Netherlands

**Annex 2: Accreditation in the context of European Directives and Regulations for the purpose of notification as 'notified body'.**

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| Personal protective equipment | 2016/425/EU |
| Efficiency requirements for new hot-water boilers fired with liquid or gaseous fuels | 92/42/EEG |
| Lifts and safety components for lifts | 2014/33/EU |
| Pressure equipment | 2014/68/EU |
| Simple pressure vessels | 2014/29/EU |
| Noise emission in the environment by equipment for use outdoors | 2000/14/EG |
| Measuring instruments | 2014/32/EU |
| Machinery | 2006/42/EG |
| Non-automatic weighing instruments | 2014/31/EU |
| Appliances burning gaseous fuels | 2016/426/EU |
| Safety of toys | 2009/48/EG |
| Recreational craft and personal watercraft | 2013/53/EU |
| Pyrotechnic articles | 2013/29/EU |
| Electromagnetic compatibility | 2014/30/EU |
| Equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres | 2014/34/EU |
| Radio equipment | 2014/53/EU |
| Marketing of construction products | 305/2011/EU |
| EU fertilising products | (EU) 2019/1009 |

For the accreditation of European Directives and Regulations as mentioned above, in which the module structure as stipulated in Decision 768/2008 is used, the RvA uses, in principle, the following structure regarding the choice of standard that is used for accreditation per module[1]. The choice of standard by the RvA is in line with the 'preferred standards' as mentioned in EA-2/17[2] and the applicable additional requirements of other standards, as laid down in Annex B of that EA document. For the choice of standard by the RvA, the term 'mandatory standard' is used instead of the term 'preferred standard' of EA-2/17, considering that deviation from the standard by the RvA is merely possible if so required by a national notifying and/or regulatory authority.

The √ in the cells in the table below shows the mandatory standard for accreditation by the RvA. Specific mandatory standards and requirements for specific Regulations/Directives, will be set out in Specific Accreditation Protocols (SAP's) per Directive/Regulation.

[1] The regulation marketing of construction products (CPR, 305/2011/EU) does not use the module structure of decision 768/2008. The CPR uses systems instead of modules..

[2] EA-2/17 M:2020, EA Document on Accreditation for Notification Purposes

| Module in accordance with Decision 768/2008 | EN ISO/IEC 17020 | EN ISO/IEC 17021-1 | EN ISO/IEC 17065 | EN ISO/IEC 17025 |
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| Module A1, A2 | √ | | | |
| Module B | | | √ | |
| Module C1, C2 | | | √ | |
| Module D, D1 | | | √ | |
| Module E, E1 | | | √ | |
| Module F, F1 | | | √ | |
| Module G | | | √ | |
| Module H | | √ | | |
| Module H1 | | | √ | |
| **System in accordance with regulation 305/2011/EU** | | | | |
| System 1 | | | √ | |
| System 1+ | | | √ | |
| System 2+ | | | √ | |
| System 3 | | | | √* |

* For the EN ISO/IEC 17025 standard accreditation according to this system is only possible as a testing laboratory, not as a calibration laboratory.

A number of Directives and Regulations offers the option that an accredited in-house body may be used to carry out conformity assessment activities for the undertaking of which it forms a part, For this accreditation EN ISO/IEC 17020, type B is applicable. The Regulation or Directive involved, stipulates for which modules this is possible (module A1, A2, C1 and/or C2).

- *As per February 11, 2021 the abovementioned table with applicable standards has been amended. As a result of this amendment, the use of certain standards for certain modules or systems by the RvA has been discontinued; as per April 1, 2021 it is no longer possible to apply for accreditation for these certain standards for these particular modules and systems.*

  *With exception of the deviations as mentioned in the respective Specific Accreditation Protocols for certain Regulations/Directives, the use of the following standards is (or will be) discontinued for the below modules and systems as per 1 April 2021:*
  *- EN ISO/IEC 17020: Module B, Module C1 and C2, Module F and F1, Module G, Module H1*
  *- EN ISO/IEC 17021-1: Module D and D1, Module E and E1, System 2+ (Regulation 305/2011/EU)*
  *- EN ISO/IEC 17065: Module A1 and A2*
  *- EN ISO/IEC 17025: Module A1 and A2, Module C1 and C2, Module F and F1*

  *A transition period applies for accreditations for standards (per module or system) which use has been (or will be) discontinued and are valid on April 1, 2021; these accreditations may, for the respective modules or systems, be maintained and used until April 17, 2023 at the latest.*