

IAF CertSearch

Information session for
ISO/IEC 17021-1 certification bodies
and scheme owners

June 18, 2024 – June 21, 2024





Programme

11:30



Presentation about the implementation of IAF CertSearch

12:00



Your questions

Database for certificates of management systems



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Authenticate Accredited Certifications

Verify who holds an accredited certification within your supply chain.

Company Name Certificate Number

Search certification by company name



RvA supports voluntary use of CertSearch database

Recently, the RvA [published](#) about the developments regarding CertSearch by the International Accreditation Forum (IAF). The RvA has investigated the legal basis for mandatory participation of certification bodies in the CertSearch database and rejects obligatory participation.



For uploading and managing data within the IAF database CertSearch, a so-called mandatory document has been published by IAF. Accreditation bodies and certification bodies would be obliged to implement this document. This under penalty of sanctions. Among other things, the document sets out the scope of the IAF database Certsearch and it describes, for example, what information and when this information on issued



IAF MD 28: Upload and Maintenance of Data on IAF Database

- Effective on 26 October 2024
- All standards and schemes under ISO/IEC 17021-1
- Monthly upload of information
- CB: Name, address, location, scope, status, issue and expiration date of the certified body, ID
- AB: Name, scope and accreditation status of the CB



Implementation steps

- Information via
 - News releases, information letter to CBs and scheme owners
 - Information meetings in June
- Survey of CBs and registration in report part A
- Filling the RvA account with data within IAF CertSearch
- Adaptation of RvA documents: SAP-C000 and VR003
- From November 2024: part of accreditation assessments



IAF CertSearch as part of RvA assessments

- By the Lead Assessor
- For the standards and schemes for which the CB participates in IAF CertSearch
- Review of the CB Data Obligations from IAF MD 28, with focus on 7.4 of IAF MD 28:
 - Timely monthly uploads
 - Response to notifications
- Nonconformities and corrective actions



Questions?