



Enterprise and Industry

EU Accreditation Policy

EU- Screening Exercise

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Regulation 765 / 2008 on Accreditation: Objectives

- ❑ Create and promote mutual confidence in the quality of conformity assessment bodies and their certificates
- ❑ Common and transparent rules for the assessment of the competence and monitoring of conformity assessment bodies
- ❑ Stabilise the European accreditation system

Scope for accreditation

- ☐ All product sectors
- ☐ No exclusions
- ☐ Includes services
- ☐ Rules are applicable in the mandatory and voluntary sector



Accreditation in Reg. 765 / 2008

- ❑ Public authority activity
- ❑ 1 national accreditation body (NAB) per Member State
- ❑ Prevention of competition for NABs
- ❑ Set of requirements for NABs
- ❑ European Accreditation infrastructure: EA
(*European co-operation for accreditation*)
- ❑ Cross border accreditation (EA role)
- ❑ Peer evaluation (EA role)

Implementation: Commission

- ❑ The Commission checks national adaptations of systems.
- ❑ Guidelines signed between Commission, EA, EFTA & National Authorities 1 April 2009
- ❑ Framework contract EA/COM
- ❑ Overview rules for peer evaluation

Implementation: Nat. authorities

National authorities must:

- ☐ oversee NAB
- ☐ ensure it has proper means at disposal
- ☐ take corrective actions
- ☐ carry out regular monitoring

Implementation: EA

*Accreditation is the preferred means
Facilitated notification procedure based on
accreditation*

- **Standard-based**
- **Transparent**
- **Peer evaluation**



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