



Management Systems Certification Technical Advisory Committee (MSCTAC)

Meeting 15: 14th June 2019

DRAFT - Minutes

Present: Kevin Belson (Secretary); Wayne Terry (ABCB); Stefan Kukula; Chris Elliott, Jenny Butler (IIOC); Steve Russell (ABCB); Alan Gower (FCB); Alex Woods (CQI); Lance Williams (Highways England).

Jenny was welcomed as the new representative of IIOC.

Apologies: Steve Randall; Ben Keen; Lucy Candlin; Dave Thomas (represented by Chris Elliott).

Chair: Dave Thomas of MOD has volunteered to take the Chair, this was agreed by all present. Kevin will formalise this.

Membership: KB is still trying to contact FSB to investigate if a representative can be nominated.

Initial contact has been made with Chambers of Commerce and the SMMT, Kevin will follow up with formal invitation letters.

Kevin will contact Paul Murthy at the Office of Nuclear Regulation to see if he is interested in attending.

The TAC also discussed the idea of having "paper only" members i.e. called upon to comment on papers rather than physically attending meetings.

It was also agreed that we should consider Skype for some meetings as possible attendees may be put-off by the travel involved.

Minutes The previous minutes were reviewed and approved.

Matters Arising: The proposed press release on unaccredited certification was again discussed, Wayne has been working on this with Jon Murthy of UKAS and progress will be discussed at the next PAC meeting. After the PAC there will be a further circulation, it was agreed that TAC member should be included in this.

The TAC was updated on the current issue regarding Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation.

International Activities: Reports on the activities of the IAF Technical Committee and the EA Certification Committee were presented by Kevin Belson and Wayne Terry.

It was highlighted that the implementation of IAF MD11 is likely to be delayed by 1 year (subject to ballot) because of implementation difficulties due to the complex calculations now involved.

The GDPR requires each European member state to have a scheme for certification, UKAS is awaiting the decision of the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) on how they wish to proceed. Some TC members feel that this should not be a priority and there are more urgent issues around BREXIT.

Kevin pointed out that UKAS is starting a pilot process of ISO 44001 on Collaborative Business Relationships, UKAS is seeking advice from organisations involved. MOD stated that they are working in this area, although not to that particular standard, and would be happy to input.

An IAF Task Force Group is underway with a feasibility study to rationalise the number of audit time tables. An update will be presented at the next IAF TC meeting. Also, Kevin is devising an exercise whereby 2 scenarios will be sent to EACC members to calculate audit time and compare the range of results. It was agreed that this would also be sent to IIOC, ABCB and FCB for their members to take part if they choose to do so.

CertSearch Database: Kevin and Wayne explained the current status, including the recent decision that only certificates covered by the MLA signatories would be included.

CASCO Clarification: Kevin presented the EA resolution concerning their unwillingness to follow a recent CASCO clarification on ISO/IEC 17065 impartiality.

EFAC are not in agreement with this on the grounds that EA will be working differently to the rest of the world and feel that EA should not be able to now accept something accepted already by IAF. However, at the EA General Assembly there was a close to unanimous decision to support the resolution.

ISO 95001: ISO 95001 (public sector) as now been published, UKAS view is that it will need a scheme to become accreditable. The standard was developed in response to concerns over trust in public sector supply chains.

ABCB and FCB have concerns about how to audit maturity levels and “trustworthiness”.

MODs view is that this new standard is not necessary.

It was noted that there is another competing standard being developed in Sweden.

Product Certification TAC: This is still being considered, currently considering whether this could initially be set up as a “virtual” committee without physical meetings.

Supply Chain Quality: The Supply Chain Auditing guidance document has been published on World Accreditation Day and feedback so far has been positive.

It was agreed that Kevin will share this with the EACC and the IAF Technical Committee.

ISO 27006: There was some concern regarding the update of 27006 requiring audit time to be based on “all employees” rather than “effective employees”. It was stated that this will have a negative effect on small businesses.

Institute for Apprenticeships: IAP have developed EQA (External Quality Assurance) for Apprenticeships in conjunction with the Department for Education which appears to be reinventing the wheel and creating an accreditation process and certification process with complete lack of knowledge of standards such as ISO 17024.

Kevin will look into whether UKAS have any interaction with the Department for Education so as to follow-up on this.

For further information -

<https://apprenticeships.blog.gov.uk/2019/03/01/the-institute-talks-quality-assurance-in-apprenticeships/>

MOD Escalation Process: Chris explained the new MOD escalation process and complaints procedure and the increased emphasis on this for the MOD monitoring the activities of CBs.

Next Meetings: 14th June 2019: UKAS Staines upon Thames: 10:30 am

Action List

Action	Responsible	Status
Raise further question to EACC to clarify relationship between CBs and Consultants.	Kevin Belson	Ongoing in EACC Project
Further discuss with Jon Murthy the possibility of a MSCTAC press release regarding unaccredited certification	Wayne Terry	Ongoing, see minutes
KB to investigate getting FSB representation in the TAC as well as other possibilities	Kevin Belson	Ongoing along with other possible new members including ONR
Consider new TAC Chair starting 2019	Kevin Belson	closed
Investigate nay UKAS links with Department for Education	Kevin Belson	New Action

List of MSC TAC Representatives

Representation	Name
UKAS External Assessor	Ben Keen
Certification Bodies – nominated by ABCB	Wayne Terry – ABCB Steve Russell - NQA
Certification Bodies – nominated by IIOC	Jenny Butler – LRQA
Certification Bodies – nominated by FCB	Alan Gower - BMTRADA
CB Customer representative	Stefan Kukula - EEMUA
Independent Specialist	TBC
End User	Dave Thomas – MOD (Chair)
Government Regulator	TBC
Government Body	Steve Davy – Highways England
Professional Institute	Alexander Woods – CQI
Professional Institute	Lucy Candlin – Planet and Prosperity
UKAS Member	Steve Randall
Secretary	Kevin Belson