

## INAB Supporting Clients Getting Brexit Ready



With the UK decision to leave the European Union, Ireland is focused on getting 'Brexit ready' and INAB, with our colleagues in the Health and Safety Authority (HSA) are supporting this engagement at various Brexit events being held around the country.

The HSA including INAB has established a Brexit working committee to ensure that we are prepared for the UK's withdrawal from the EU and that our stakeholders and businesses also have the relevant information to assist them with their preparations. We provide information on this **dedicated section of our website** to keep stakeholders informed of developments.

What 'Brexit' has meant for INAB specifically is that we have experienced significant growth in applications from organisations re-locating from the UK and requiring accreditation. This growth in demand has been predominantly from the regulated sector. In particular, as in the EU Commissions preparedness notice on industrial products highlights the need for conformity assessment certificates to be issued by an accredited notified body from an EU-27 Member State (where applicable).

INAB is keen that existing and new Irish businesses maximise the potential and scope of their accreditation to meet challenges arising from Brexit. This might include seeking accreditation for new technical standards and new methodology in order to continue to support the trade of Irish goods and services.

INAB is ready to support our applicant and accredited clients and we encourage you to complete our short INAB Brexit survey to gather information on your particular concerns in relation to Brexit, and assist us prepare accordingly.

### HSA Brexit Event

**5th December**  
Crowne Plaza, Dundalk

Implications on Supply and Use of Chemicals, Machinery and Products in Irish Businesses

Register at  
<https://hsabrexitseminar.dundalk.eventbrite.ie/>

### INAB Brexit Survey

INAB are conducting an on-line survey with our clients to ascertain how and if their business will be impacted by the UK decision to leave the EU. This will be circulated during November.

### Getting Brexit Ready

Dublin, Convention Centre  
25th October 2018



Yvonne Mullooly, Alice Doherty, HSA; and Orla Ivers, INAB at Getting Brexit Ready.

### INAB Brexit Queries?

Contact [Adrienne.duff@inab.ie](mailto:Adrienne.duff@inab.ie)

### Accredited Certificates

INAB certificates bearing the logo will continue to be recognised and accepted through our European and International multi-lateral arrangements (MLAs).

### USEFUL BREXIT WEBSITES

<https://www.hsa.ie/eng/Topics/Brexit/>

<https://www.dfa.ie/brexit/events/>

[www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) - **Guidance** on trading goods regulated under the new approach if no Brexit deal.



## Information Day for Transition to 17025:2017

How to register? INAB clients should email [inab@inab.ie](mailto:inab@inab.ie)

INAB is hosting an information session for **all INAB clients** affected by the transition to ISO17025:2017 on **Wednesday 6th February 2019**. This day will offer clients an opportunity to discuss questions they may have in relation to the transition process and the new revision of the standard. INAB will be in contact to invite questions and suggestions for input into the information session in the coming weeks.

The information session will be held in Dublin Castle, exact timings to be advised closer to the date.

INAB clients can register your attendance by emailing [inab@inab.ie](mailto:inab@inab.ie)

### Transition Plan and Timelines

<b>1</b>	<b>New applications to ISO 17025:2017</b>	From July 2018 Pre-assessment/ Assessment from November 2018
<b>2</b>	<b>Existing accreditations to ISO 17025:2005</b> a) If your surveillance visit is due Jan-June 2019 b) If your surveillance visit is due Jan-June 2019 c) If your surveillance visit is due June 2019 onwards	Option to have visit to ISO 17025:2017 Option to have visit to ISO 17025:2005 Visit will be to ISO 17025:2017

*Transition plans to be submitted to your INAB officer by 1st November 2018.*

## INAB Calibration Forum in Dublin Castle – June 2018

Over 100 clients attended the event organized by INAB and the National Metrology Laboratory on the 18th June.



## Information Session on IAF MD17:2015

INAB held an information session on the 22nd August 2018 for accredited management systems certification bodies. Each certification body sent two representatives. The information session concentrated on IAF MD17:2015, Witnessing Activities for the Accreditation of Management Systems Certification Bodies. Other topics discussed included IAF MD 15:2014 (concerning mandatory data collection) and IAF MD21:2018 (concerning migration to ISO45001:2018). A revised witnessed programme is required by IAF MD17 and the implementation of the policy and its implications were discussed. It was also highlighted that INAB Regulations (Section 10, Part 3) contain new clauses in relation to the implementation of IAF MD17. The information session was useful to INAB and CBs alike as it allowed for interesting discussion and feedback.

## Update From The EA Certification Committee Meeting

James Stapleton attended the 36th EA Certification Committee Meeting in Warsaw on the 11th and 12th September. There were 62 participants including representatives from 6 stakeholder organisations. Topics discussed included: frequently asked questions; IAF Annual Meeting; reports from the EU-ETS, Food and Environment Working Groups. The formation of a new working group for ICT and data security was discussed. The meeting also included a workshop on risk based thinking. INAB tabled a question regarding the application of IAF MD21:2018 in relation to migration to ISO 45001:2018. The EA CC supported the position as laid out in the policy i.e. an extra day is required by certification bodies when conducting migration audits at surveillance and recertification. The members were informed that a new standard, ISO/IEC 17029 - Conformity assessment - General principles and requirements for validation and verification bodies, was being drafted. It is expected that the standard will be published in September 2019.

## FSSC 22000 Harmonization Conference

The FSSC 22000 annual Harmonization Conference was held in Amsterdam from the 10th – 11th October, with an additional training day for accreditation bodies held on the 12th. Paul Pearson, Accreditation Officer, attended on behalf of the Irish National Accreditation Board (INAB).

The harmonisation conference was attended by over 250 delegates representing certification bodies and accreditation bodies around the globe.

FSSC 22000 is a food safety management system certification scheme that has attained global recognition and is recognised by the Global Food Safety initiative (GFSI). Currently, there are 18,000 certificates issued worldwide, which is a substantial increase from the 5,000 certificates in 2013.

In response to the publication of ISO 22000:2018, FSSC 22000 plan to release Version 5 of the FSSC 22000 standard in May 2019. Certification bodies will have to achieve accreditation for Version 5 before the end of 2019. From the 1st January 2020 all FSSC audits and certificates must be conducted and issued to Version 5 requirements respectively. Any organisation that holds a current certificate must transition to the Version 5 certification before the 19th June 2021.

The dedicated sessions for accreditation bodies and scheme owner provided valuable insight to the future direction of the standard. The Integrity Program operated by the scheme owner is set to evolve with increased communication from the scheme owner to accreditation bodies to ensure global harmonisation is maintained.





## IAF MLA Extended

At the recent IAF general assembly in Singapore, it was noted that INAB's scope of multi-lateral agreement (MLA) recognition with IAF has been extended under ISO 17021-1 to include certification of management systems to ISO 22000, ISO 27001, ISO 13485 and ISO 50001.



## Development of the IAF Global database – CERTSEARCH

A new IAF database is being developed to house and provide an authoritative source for validating accredited certifications issued all over the world.

The program was championed by the IAF's Database Management Committee (DMC) represented by Accreditation Bodies, Certification Bodies and Industry.

Development is currently underway, the database has been officially branded IAF CERTSEARCH and, upon launch, will be accessed through the domain IAFCERTSEARCH.org.

While this is a **voluntary** database, the IAF CERTSEARCH has received early commitments and will launch with greater than 700,000 certifications in the database.

INAB management systems certification bodies will have received a letter from INAB and can expect a further information pack.

## INAB to Become Signatory TO EA MLA for REFERENCE MATERIALS PRODUCERS (RMP)

In September 2018 INAB was subject to an EA Peer evaluation that included an assessment of the INAB processes for the accreditation of RMP.

The EA team recommended that INAB become a signatory status of the EA **MLA agreement** in the field of RMP (EN ISO/IEC 17034). This is a positive development for INAB and we look forward to receiving confirmation of the MLA agreements at a later date.

INAB offers reference material producers accreditation to the international standard ISO 17034 "General requirements for the competence of reference material producers". This standard contains requirements for the competence of organisations

producing reference materials (RMP).

The standard is used in developing a management system for quality, administrative and technical operations in the production of reference materials.

The management system includes documented procedures on processing, assessment of homogeneity, assessment of stability, characterisation, commutability, adequate storage, traceability, distribution and certification.



## New Publication to Promote Accreditation

### Accreditation delivering a safer world

INAB prepared a brochure to promote how accreditation supports a safer world. Our clients were given the opportunity to submit their own case study for inclusion in the publication. This was published as part of our promotion of world accreditation day in June, we are also using it to promote accreditation at other trade events we attend. This is available on our [website](#) and in hard copy.



## New CEO In Health And Safety Authority (HSA)

Dr. Sharon McGuinness became Chief Executive Officer of the Health and Safety Authority on 1 July 2018 following the retirement of Martin O'Halloran. She was previously Assistant Chief Executive in the Authority since 2006 where she headed up the Chemicals and Prevention Division. Dr. McGuinness is also currently the Chair of the Management Board of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA).

Prior to joining the Health and Safety Authority, Dr. McGuinness worked in government affairs and global chemical regulations for Hewlett-Packard and also with the European Chemicals Bureau. In addition, she has held posts in academia and the pharmaceutical sector. She has a Ph.D. in Pharmacology and has completed post-doctoral toxicology fellowships at the University of Arizona in Tucson and the American Cyanamid Company in New York.

INAB has been part of the Health and Safety Authority since August 2014.



## INAB Welcome New Accreditation Officers

### John Spaight

Accreditation Officer

Joined INAB on 13th August 2018.

John will manage a portfolio of clients mainly for ISO 15189 (Medical Testing) and ISO 17025 (Calibration and Testing Laboratories).

John joins INAB from Certification Europe, where he was the Quality & Compliance Officer.

John holds a B.Sc. in Health & Safety, a Graduate Diploma in Computer Studies and is a trained ISO 9001 Lead Auditor.

John brings a wealth of assessment experience to the INAB team.



### Paul Pearson

Accreditation Officer

Joined INAB in June 2018.

Paul will manage and oversee the accreditation activities for a number of conformity assessment bodies (CABs) from the public and private sectors operating in the following areas; management systems certification, product certification, bodies performing inspections and testing and calibration laboratories.

Paul holds qualifications in chemical sciences, environmental science, inspection activities and is currently completing a qualification in management science. Paul brings the experience and knowledge acquired from a background in inspections, regulatory compliance, environmental enforcement and laboratory testing to his role in INAB.



## Promoting Accreditation at Taking Care of Business, Limerick– Sept 2018

*(L-R) Helen Hourihan, HSA; Brian Molloy, HSA; Minister Pat Breen, and Orla Ivers, INAB in Limerick at Taking Care of Business event designed to help small and start up business.*



## New Accreditations up to October 2018

Log onto [www.inab.ie](http://www.inab.ie) and refer to the Directory of Accredited Bodies for full scope.

004RM	<b>Waters Technologies Ireland Ltd,</b> Wexford Business Park, Drinagh, Wexford.	Reference Materials Producers
371T	<b>Waters Technologies Ireland Ltd,</b> Wexford Business Park, Drinagh, Wexford.	Chemical Testing
372T	<b>University College Cork – Tyndall National Institute</b> Lee Maltings, Prospect Row, Dyke Parade, Cork.	Mechanical Testing
6021	<b>Safenet Certification Services Ltd</b> Roselawn House, University Business Complex, National Technology Park, Limerick.	Product Certification

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