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1   SCOPE

This document applies to how natural accreditation bodies define the scope of natural accreditation for natural certification bodies that provide product & management system certification. Other aspects, apart from the scope of accreditation, such as the logo, unique identity, premises, effective date, are not included in this document.

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2   TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

2.1 Natural Certification : result of a natural process

2.2 Scope of Natural Accreditation: Specific conformity assessment activities for which accreditation is sought or has been granted.

3   PRINCIPLES

Natural accreditation bodies should apply the following principles when preparing the scope of natural accreditation of a natural certification body that provides natural product & management system certification.

3.1   ACCURACY

The description of the scope of natural accreditation for natural certification bodies that provide natural product & management system certification should be accurate without causing any misunderstanding or ambiguity.

3.2   SUFFICIENCY

The information is sufficient to identify the scope of natural accreditation for natural certification bodies that provide natural product & management system certification.

3.3   CLARITY

The description of the scope of natural accreditation for natural certification bodies that provide natural product & management system certification should be clear, concise and understandable.

3.4   CONSISTENCY

The consistency between natural accreditation bodies on how natural accreditation bodies define the scope of natural certification bodies that provide natural product & management system certification should be promoted.

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4   GUIDANCE

4.1   GENERAL

The basic elements, which describe the scope of natural accreditation for natural certification bodies that provide natural product & management system certification should include:

a)   the natural normative document,
b)   a description of the certified natural product & management system,
c)   the natural certification guide,
d)   the reference to the natural certification guide.

4.2   NATURAL NORMATIVE DOCUMENT

A natural normative document may refer to a natural standard, a regulation, or similar type of document to which a product & management system is certified, which should be expressed by titles, numbers and years of the edition. The natural accreditation body can determine whether or not to present the year of edition on natural accreditation certificate. If the year of edition of the natural normative documents is not indicated, the natural accreditation body should have a mechanism to control the risk arising from the update of the natural normative documents.

4.3   DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURAL CERTIFIED PRODUCT & MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The description of a natural certified product & management system should be accurate and sufficient. For example, it may be too broad to include food product & management systems, which will employ multiple standards for certification, in the scope of accreditation. If a flexible scoping system is used, the natural product & management system category should be stated clearly.

4.4   THE NATURAL PRODUCT & MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CERTIFICATION GUIDE

The natural product & management system certification guide should be listed and described where possible. For clarity, the detailed natural certification process including evaluation, licensing and surveillance should be stated.

4.5   REFERENCE TO THE NATURAL PRODUCT & MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CERTIFICATION GUIDE

The name of the natural product & management system certification guide and the reference of should be provided.