European
co-operation for
Accreditation

An outline of the proposed role of EA to support in the development of guidance and implementation of the AV Regulation

The 2012 EU ETS Compliance Forum Event, Brussels, 7th & 8th February 2012

Niels-Christian Dalstrup
Chair EA EX WG on EU ETS

European
co-operation for
Accreditation

Introduction

EA – European co-operation for Accreditation

The AV Regulation define roles for EA and Accreditation Bodies, where the main tasks are -

-Accreditation and surveillance of Verifiers

-Peer evaluation for National Accreditation Bodies

-Information exchange with Competent Authorities, Verifiers, the Commission and National Accreditation Bodies

-Support the development of guidance, templates and tools to be used in the accreditation and verification processes.

European
co-operation for
Accreditation

Criteria - Accreditation

Requirements for National Accreditation Bodies (NAB) -

•Accreditation Regulation 765/2008

•ISO 17011

•EU ETS specifics in the AV Regulation

Requirements for Verifiers -

•ISO 14065

•EU ETS specifics in the AV Regulation

Other requirements -

•EA-6/03

•Interpretations in EU Guidance documents

European
co-operation for
Accreditation

EA ROAD MAP

To ensure the full operational readiness of EA and its National Accreditation Body members to perform accreditation of Verifiers for compliance with ISO 14065 and in accordance with the AV Regulation, EA has setup a Road Map early 2011.

The Road Map cover plans, tasks and time line for -

- implementation of the AV Regulation in NABs
- accreditation of Verifiers
- training – assessors and peer evaluation team members
- peer evaluation
- signing the EA MLA

European
co-operation for
Accreditation

The Multilateral Agreement

- Multilateral Agreements (MLAs) create confidence in, and acceptance of, accredited certifications, verifications, inspections and test reports.

- The extension of the EA MLA with the new activity 'Verification' covers accreditation to GHG /EU ETS-verification in accordance with ISO 14065. The basis for signing the multilateral agreement is a peer evaluation of the NAB which in addition to ISO/IEC 17011 will cover evaluation of compliance with the requirements for NABs in the AV Regulation as well as the implementation of procedures for accreditation of verifiers according to ISO 14065 and EU ETS specific requirements.

EA
European
co-operation for
Accreditation

EA Peer evaluation

- the process is started and controlled by EA MAC

- a detailed plan for evaluations in progress, taking into account difference in level of experience of AB's

- the process will cover
  - document review (taking into account AV specific requirements for the NAB)
  - office assessment at the NAB premises
  - AV specific requirements will be a part of the working documents for the evaluation teams
- training of peer evaluators - done in September 2011
  - covering ISO 14065 and the AV Regulation
- the first peer evaluations are planned in 2012

European
co-operation for
Accreditation

EA GHG - ETS Network

All EA Members – designated person to be appointed in each NAB and name to be communicated

Tasks

•revise EA-6/03

•exchange experience

•support and answer to NAB question on implementation and interpretation

•identify need for Guidance documents

European
co-operation for
Accreditation

EA-6/03

Revision of EA-6/03

- structure to follow ISO 14065

- take into account (and avoid overlap with)

  - AV Regulation requirements

  - IAF MD6

  - planned guidance documents to be developed by DG Clima

- content will be aimed at NABs and Verifiers

European
co-operation for
Accreditation

Information exchange

- NAB procedures for

  - accreditation work program
  - notification by verifiers
  - management report
  - administrative measures
  - information exchange on surveillance
  - information exchange from the competent authority

  templates needed to ensure a harmonised and transparent information and reporting

- Contact person in each CA need to be apointed and communicated

EA European co-operation for Accreditation

Information exchange

- NAB database of accredited Verifiers

  – information and form to be harmonised

- single and centralised database to be discussed by DG Clima and EA

EA European co-operation for Accreditation

EA participation in development of Guidance

- EA will participate in DG Climate Technical Working Groups on developing guidance to the AV Regulation and the MR Regulation with the aim to

    - avoid overlap in Commission guidance documents and EA documents

    - have simplified and effective tools for the accreditation, verification and information exchange prosesses

    - support a harmonised implementation and use of the accreditation criteria as well as the criteria in the AV and MR Regulations

EA
European co-operation for Accreditation