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### **Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade**

# NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>VIET NAM</u>
If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):

## 2. Agency responsible:

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- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [ ], other:
- 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): –
- **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Draft Circular Regulating the Establishment and Operation of Accreditation Bodies and Accreditation Activity Management in Vietnam (16 pages, in Vietnamese)
- **6. Description of content:** This draft Circular regulates the organization and operation of accreditation bodies and the management of accreditation activities in Vietnam.

This proposed Circular shall apply to:

- Bodies who supply accreditation services (hereinafter referred to as accreditation bodies)
- Recognized conformity assessment bodies
- State management agencies involved in accreditation activities

### General principles:

The accreditation bodies shall ensure operation competence and meet the requirements specified in national regulations, international regulations and requirements of IAF, ILAC, APLAC, PAC.

The accreditation bodies shall ensure independent, subjective and non-discrimitative operation; secure all information relevant to those bodies requesting accreditation; not carry out consultancy on accreditation for those bodies requesting accreditation.

The head and legal representatives of accreditation bodies shall fulfill requirements of experience, professional capability, etc.

The experts of accreditation bodies shall be trained and knowledgeable in relevant activities to carry out accreditation.

7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Enhancing transparency

#### 8. Relevant documents:

- Vietnam Law on Standards and Technical Regulations No 68/2006/QH11 of 29 June 2006
- Vietnam Law on Science and Technology of 18 June 2013
- Decree No 127/2007/ND-CP of 1 October 2007 of the Government detailing the implementation of a number of articles of the Law on Standards and Technical Regulations
- ISO/IEC 17011:2004 Conformity Assessment General Requirements for Accreditation Bodies Accrediting Conformity Assessment Bodies
- ISO/IEC 17011:2007 Conformity Assessment General Requirements for Accreditation Bodies Accrediting Conformity Assessment Bodies
- ISO/IEC 17043:2010 Conformity Assessment General Requirements for Proficiency Testing
- **9. Proposed date of adoption:** November 2015

Proposed date of entry into force: 45 days from the date of adoption

- **10. Final date for comments:** 60 days from date of notification
- 11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

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