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1. DEFINITIONS

1.1. NATACCS Logo: It is the Logo used only by International Natural Accreditation Service (NATACCS) to identify itself.

1.2. NATACCS Natural Accreditation Symbol: It is a combination of NATACCS logo and accreditation number allotted to Natural Conformity Assessment Bodies (NCAB). It is used by NATACCS accredited NCAB to indicate their accreditation status.

2. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

2.1 DISPLAY OF THE SYMBOL

2.1.1. The Symbol shall be displayed only in the appropriate form, and colour as

demonstrated in figure no. 1 below. The NCAB is entitled to enlarge, if necessary, provided that the original proportion between the height and width of the symbol will not be affected and the symbol is legible.

2.1.2. NATACCS symbol shall normally have a minimum width of 20 mm and minimum height of 10 mm.

2.1.3. The Accreditation number shall be printed centrally underneath NATACCS logo. It consists of two fields.

First field of two alphabets identify the type(exemple: NPCB) of NCAB and the second filed consists offour numbers shows the reference number of NCAB as shown in Figures 1 as example: The figure 1 shows natural accreditation number of product certification body.

Natural Product Certification Bodies:

NPCB-0000 :For Accredited Natural Product Certification

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Figure 1

2.1.4. The Symbol shall not be displayed in a more prominent way than the logo of the accredited NCAB.

2.1.5. The Symbol may be used in the defined colours or black and white colours provided that the conditions set out in this document are fulfilled.

2.1.6. The Symbol may be reproduced electronically, provided that the requirements of this document are met, distortion and/or degradation does not occur and the electronic version (softcopy) of the symbol is acquired from NATACCS.

3. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE USE OF THE SYMBOL ON CERTIFICATES

3.1 GENERAL

3.1.1. The use of NATACCS symbol is compulsory for all NCABs accredited by NATACCS.

3.1.2. The accredited NCAB can display the Symbol on the certificates out within the scope of accreditation.

The accredited NCABs shall state clearly which scope(s) are accredited.

3.1.3. The Symbol shall not be used in such a way as to state, imply or suggest that NATACCS accepts responsibility for the accuracy of natural product certification decisions covered by the scope of accreditation.

3.1.4. The Symbol does not imply any certification/ approval of the products tested, inspected, or certified.

3.1.5. The Symbol shall not be included in certificates containing only results from non-accredited methods, nor shall such certificates present any reference to the accreditation status.

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3.1.6. The accredited bodies shall submit to NATACCS, the procedure on how they will use the symbol and a sample of their certificate with NATACCS Symbol.

Both of these have to be approved by NATACCS and the implementation will be monitored by NATACCS.

3.2 SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION BODIES

3.2.1. Holders of certificates issued by NATACCS natural accredited certification bodies shall always use NATACCS Symbol in conjunction with the mark of the natural certification body or certification scheme. As shown in Figure No. 1.

3.2.2. The certification body mark (separately or in conjunction with NATACCS symbol) shall used on a product or product packaging seen by the consumer or in any other way that may be interpreted as denoting product conformity certified.

3.2.3. The certification body shall not permit its mark (separately or in conjunction with NATACCS symbol) to be applied to the laboratory test, calibration or inspection reports.

3.2.4. Certification bodies shall ensure that they audit the use of their combined marks (i.e. the mark of the natural certification body in conjunction with NATACCS Symbol) by their certificate holders. Conditions for the use of the marks by such certificate holders are given below.

3.2.5. Where a natural product certification body holds more than one accreditation from different accreditation bodies, the subject certification body is not allowed to use any other accreditation bodies' symbol along with NATACCS symbol on the conformity assessment certificate issued by it. However the certification body can issue separate certificate containing accreditation symbol of other accreditation body.

3.2.6. The use of i-NAF symbol by NCABs is compliance with shall be i-NAF.



Figure 2

3.3 REQUIREMENTS FOR MULTI-SITES ACCREDITED NCABS

3.3.1. Whenever a NCAB is composed of several sites among which at least one has not been granted accreditation, only those accredited sites shall make reference to accreditation or use the Symbol.

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When a common document is issued, a disclaimer shall indicate clearly the accredited/ non-accredited sites.

3.3.2. Whenever a subsidiary /Branch/Representatives belonging to a group has been accredited, there shall not be any confusion as to which part of the group holds accreditation, and it shall not imply that other Subsidiaries/branches/Representatives have been accredited.

4. USE OF NATACCS SYMBOL ON ADVERTISING MATERIAL/PUBLICITY

4.1. NATACCS Symbol shall not be used in any way that might mislead the reader about the status of an accredited NCAB.

4.2. NATACCS Symbol may be displayed on advertising materials/ publicity only if the logo and the name of the accredited NCAB concerned is also shown, with no more prominence than the logo or the name of the accredited NCAB and no more than once for each NATACCS natural accreditation.

5. OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF THE SYMBOL

5.1 ITEMS OR PRODUCTS CERTIFIED BY ACCREDITED NCABS

5.1.1. NATACCS Symbol for system certification, calibration and Testing shall not be displayed on an item that has been tested, or on a product (or attachment thereto) or used to imply system certification, test/calibration report or approval.

6. SUSPENSION/ WITHDRAWAL OF THE ACCREDITATION

The natural accredited NCAB shall discontinue the use of the accreditation symbols or any reference to accreditation status in certificates, promotional material, stationery, internet web sites, etc. for an activity immediately on suspension, withdrawal or termination of the accreditation for that activity for an activity immediately on suspension, withdrawal or termination of the accreditation for that activity.

7. MISUSE OF THE SYMBOL

The Symbol is owned by NATACCS Natural Accredited NCABs are not allowed to copy or make use the same or similar Symbol as their own symbols. In the event of misuse of the Symbol, NATACCS reserves the right to issue violations and sanctions depending on the gravity of the violation.

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8. REFERENCES

ISO/IEC 17011 Conformity assessment – General requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies