



# Accreditation Scheme for Inspection Bodies

## **Inspection bodies provide professional, high quality and reliable services**

Launched in April 2001, the Accreditation Scheme for Inspection Bodies aims to upgrade the standard of inspection activities to support important decisions on safety, health, performance and reliability.

The scheme provides formal recognition of the integrity and reliability of an inspection body's services. Accurate and dependable inspection data is important in ensuring

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that the right decisions are made with regard to safety and health.

Accreditation sets a level of quality in the inspection body's operations. There are requirements for technical competence, quality management systems impartiality and confidentiality. An accredited inspection body is regularly assessed to ensure that the competence is maintained. The purpose of accreditation is to ensure that inspection is carried out impartially, consistently, competently and according to international standard.

Accreditation is open to all inspection bodies, ranging from one-man operations to in-house and independent third party inspection bodies. The accreditation scopes offered include:

- Cargo Inspection
- Central Alarm Monitoring Stations Inspection
- Hook-Lift & Container Inspection
- Motor Vehicle Inspection
- Pressure Vessel / Lifting Equipment Inspection
- Site Investigation
- Structural Steelwork Inspection
- Technical Audit of Extension Schemes for Pressure Vessels

### International acceptance

As a signatory to the Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) of the Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation

(APLAC) and International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC), inspection reports issued by SAC accredited inspection bodies are recognised globally in over 45 economies.

### Accreditation criteria

Inspection bodies are accredited based on the international standard, ISO/IEC 17020 *Conformity Assessment-Requirements for the operation of various types of bodies performing inspection*. Upon accreditation to the standard, the inspection body is deemed to be capable of meeting the required standards of quality, performance, technical competence and professional judgement. Besides this international standard, there are also specific technical requirements which the inspection body needs to comply with, depending on the area of inspection.

Inspection bodies which are keen on accreditation may approach the SAC Secretariat or visit the SAC website at [www.sac-accreditation.gov.sg](http://www.sac-accreditation.gov.sg) for more information.

