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MAURITAS shall base itself on the relevant levels of normative documents under the main scopes and sub-scopes of the Global ACI MRA when reviewing applications and issuing accreditation certificates and schedules for the Certification Body Accreditation Scheme.

The levels of the Global ACI MRA structure (henceforth referred to as 'Level(s)') to be considered by MAURITAS shall be:

Level 1 – ISO/IEC 17011, normative document used by MAURITAS which specifies the requirements for the competence, consistent operation and impartiality when assessing and accrediting conformity assessment bodies.

Level 2 – Accreditation activities, in which MAURITAS has demonstrated competence to perform accreditation as specified by Global ACI endorsed generic accreditation normative documents listed in Level 3. These accreditation activities are:

- Management system certification
- Product certification

Level 3 – Global ACI endorsed generic accreditation normative document used by MAURITAS to assess the CB competence for each accreditation activity.

For example:

- For management system certification - ISO/IEC 17021-1;
- For product certification - ISO/IEC 17065.

Level 4 – Global ACI endorsed sector specific normative documents, used by MAURITAS, in combination with the generic normative document listed in Level 3 to assess the CB competence in the relevant sector.

For example:

(a) Normative document to be used in combination with ISO/IEC 17021-1:

- For certification of Quality Management Systems (QMS) - ISO/IEC 17021-3;
- For certification of Food Safety Management Systems (FSMS) - ISO 22003-1;
- For certification of Information Security Management Systems (ISMS)- ISO/IEC 27006-1.

Level 5 – Global ACI endorsed conformity assessment normative document used by CBs.

For example:

(a) Normative document used by Management System Certification Bodies:

- For certification of Quality Management Systems (QMS) - ISO 9001;
- For certification of Environmental Management Systems (EMS) - ISO 14001;
- For certification of Food Safety Management Systems (FSMS) - ISO 22000;
- For certification of Information Security Management Systems (ISMS) - ISO/IEC 27001.

Appendix A: Amendment Table

SN	Section	Amendment
Issue 1, Revision 5		
1.	Level 1	(i) Added reference to “Level 1, ISO/IEC 17011.... accrediting conformity assessment bodies.”
2.	Level 2	(i) Added reference to “Level 2 – Accreditation activities,... Product certification”
3.	Level 4	(i) One additional bullet “For certification of Quality Management Systems (QMS) - ISO/IEC 17021-3” has been added (ii) Removed reference to GLOBALG.A.P.
4.	Level 4	(i) Removed reference to GLOBALG.A.P.
Issue 2, Revision 5		
1.	Paragraph 1	(i) “the IAF MLA structure” has been replaced by “normative documents under the main scopes and sub-scopes of Global ACI MRA”
2.	Paragraph 2	(i) “IAF MLA” has been replaced by “Global ACI MRA”
3.	Level 2	(i) At line 2, “the IAF” has been replaced by “Global ACI”
4.	Level 3, Level 4 and Level 5	(i) At line 1, “IAF” has been replaced by “Global ACI”