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Accreditation of SDOs

- ~200 American National Standards Developers (SDO, ASD)
 - Standards Developer Audit Program (requirement of accreditation)
- ~200 US TAGs (Technical Advisory Groups) to ISO
- Maintenance of Procedures and Implementation of Maintenance Process:
 - ANSI Essential Requirements: Due process requirements for American National Standards
 - ANSI Procedures for the National Adoption of ISO and IEC Standards as American National Standards
 - ANSI Procedures for U.S. Participation in the International Standards Activities of the ISO (ANSI International Procedures)
- Appeals Board

ANSI Accreditation Portfolio

Standards

Conformity Assessment (ISO/IEC 17011)

ANSI
Procedures
"Essential
Requirements"

SDO's and
U.S. TAGs



ISO/IEC
17065

Product
Certifiers



ISO/IEC
14065

Greenhouse
Gas
Verifiers



ISO/IEC
17024

Personnel
Certifiers



ISO/IEC
17021

Management
System
Certifiers



ISO/IEC
17025

Laboratories



ISO/IEC
17020

Inspection
Bodies



“ANSI’s Role In Conformity Assessment”

(ANSI Policy: BoD 412; ExCo 329)

In conformity assessment areas, ANSI is committed to **2 related but distinct efforts**:

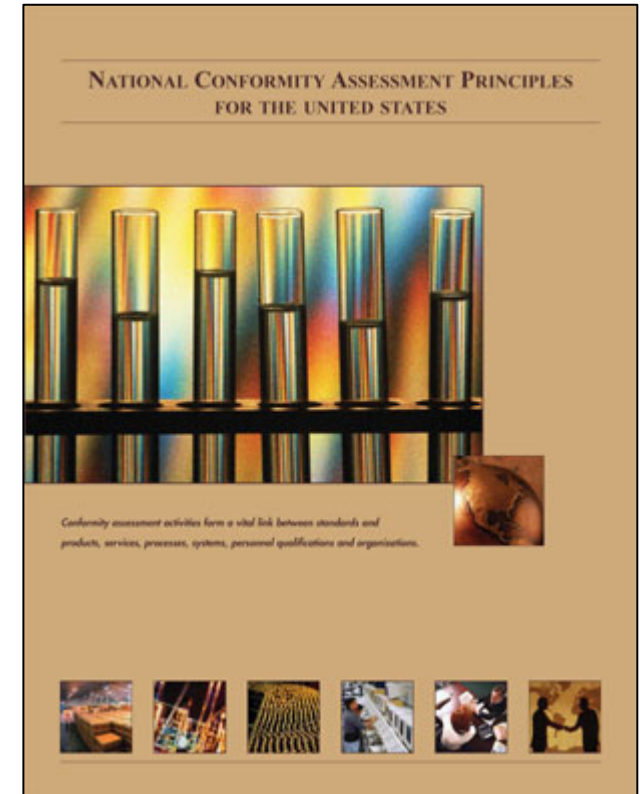
1. **ANSI Conformity Assessment Policy Committee (CAPC) addresses conformity assessment policy issues.**
 - develops consensus among all stakeholders and advocates policy nationally, regionally, and internationally.
 - coordinates U.S. positions via the ANSI International Conformity Assessment Committee (**ICAC**) and ISO CASCO (Committee on Conformity Assessment).
 - promotes widespread education and understanding of conformity assessment.

2. **ANSI Accreditation Programs provide conformity assessment body accreditation.**
 - serve the needs of the market; open, flexible and efficient; technical rigor; highest level of integrity.
 - strengthen relationships with government agencies; enhance recognition; for regulatory needs.
 - operate in conformance to relevant international standards.
 - support mutual recognition programs; promote the interests and competitiveness of U.S. industry.

National Conformity Assessment Principles

Principles (*NCAP*)

- **Articulates principles for conformity assessment activities in the U.S.**
 - Guidance document to be considered along with the *U.S. National Standards Strategy*
 - Improves the ability of the marketplace to understand and have confidence in conformity assessment processes
 - Approved by ANSI Board in 2002



Recognition Bodies



▪ **Product Certification**

- FCC TCB Program (NIST NVCASE)
- Food Marketing Institute – SQF
- American Forest & Paper Association – SFI

▪ **Personnel Certification**

- FDA/CDC - Conference for Food Protection
- Department of Defense – InfoSec professionals

▪ **Systems Certification**

- Telecommunications – TL 9000
- Aerospace – AS 9100
- American Chemical Council – RC 14000



***The ANSI-Conference for Food
Protection Accreditation
Partnership***

ANSI/CFP Accreditation Partnership

- History of Partnership
 - CFP/ANSI enter into a formal agreement May 2002
 - Agreement creates accreditation program for bodies that certify Food Protection Managers in accordance the CFP Standards
 - Delineates Roles and Responsibilities between CFP and ANSI
 - Creates ANSI/CFP Personnel Certification Accreditation Committee

Goals of the ANSI/CFP Accreditation Program

- Ensure all Food Protection Manager Certification Programs meet CFP Standards
- Facilitate a self-assessment process that increases the quality of the program
- Increase recognition and confidence in the quality of Food Protection Manager certification programs

ANSI/CFP

Accreditation = Quality

- Verifies the quality of a certification program for State regulatory bodies responsible for licensing
- Ensures consistent quality of food protection managers for employers
- Increases consumer confidence regarding food safety
- Verifies the use of valid and reliable processes that increases legal defensibility of certification programs



Accreditation Benefits

- Facilitates a High Level of Technical Competence and Reliability through a Self Assessment Process
- Consistency of Competencies across all jurisdictions
- Verification of Quality by an Independent Objective Review Agency
- Opportunity for Peer Review and Dialogue with National Experts
- Facilitates Continuous Quality Improvement



Accreditation Benefits

- Marketing tool to employers – Consistent known product
- Mobility of Personnel
- Improved Consumer Confidence regarding food safety Potential Prevention of Lawsuits
- Lessens State/Local regulatory costs
 - No certification cost
 - Can facilitate reciprocity agreements



ANSI/CFP Accredited Organizations

- National Restaurant Association Solutions
- National Registry of Food Safety Professionals
- Prometric



Accreditation Mark

SQF Background

- The SQF Program is owned by the Food Marketing Institute (FMI).
- SQF means Safe Quality Food. The SQF Program is a fully integrated food safety and quality management protocol designed specifically for the food sector. It has been the culmination of 10 years development and is designed specifically for the food industry with application at all links in the food supply chain.

SQF Standards

- Standards:
 - [SQF 1000 CODE: 5th Ed. Nov 2005](#) A HACCP Based Supplier Assurance Code for the Primary Producer
 - [SQF 2000 CODE: 6th Ed. Aug 2008](#) A HACCP Based Supplier Assurance Code for the Food Industry

ANSI and SQF Institute

- ANSI and FMI signed an agreement on November 5, 2004
- ANSI's role is to accredit product certification bodies that will certify to SQF standards and will comply with ISO/IEC Guide 65, ANSI accreditation requirements as well as SQFi requirements.
- A pilot program was conducted in 2005

ANSI and SQF Institute

- Currently there are three accredited organizations:
 - [NCS International Pty Ltd. \(NCSI\)](#)
 - [NSF International](#)
 - [TUV SUD of America, Inc](#)
- Current applicants:
 - [AIB International](#)
 - [Bureau Veritas Certification North America \(BVCNA\)](#)
 - [Det Norske Veritas Certification, Inc](#)



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