



**Natural is accepted
by everyone...**

**INTERNATIONAL NATURAL
ACCREDITATION FORUM**

(i-NAF)

ABOUT USE



Natural Accreditation is the independent evaluation of natural conformity assessment bodies against natural standards and halal natural standards (only food and food-related products) to ensure their impartiality and competence. Through the application of international standards, government, manufactures and consumers can have confidence in the assessment results, assessment reports and natural certifications provided.

Natural Accreditation bodies are established in many countries with the primary purpose of ensuring that natural conformity assessment bodies are subject to oversight by an authoritative body. Natural Accreditation Bodies, which have been evaluated by peers as competent, sign arrangements that enhance the acceptance of products and services across national borders, thereby creating a framework to support international trade through the removal of technical barriers.

Natural Accreditation is increasingly being used by regulators and the market as an impartial, independent and transparent means of assessing the competence of natural conformity assessment bodies. i-NAF provides the technical basis for the world-wide recognition of the competence of the bodies accredited by its members, realising the concept "assessment or certified-accepted everywhere".

These arrangements are managed by the NBE Foundation - International Natural Accreditation Forum (i-NAF), in the fields of natural products, natural system&services, halal natural products (only food and food-related products) and other (Ecogloballabels, Hygiene, Health and Safety Management System etc.) similar programmes of natural conformity assessment.



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The International Natural Accreditation Forum, NBE Foundation - (i-NAF) is an international association organisation that have agreed to work together on a worldwide basis to achieve common trade facilitation objectives. We are a major world natural forum for developing the principles and practices for the conduct of conformity assessment that will deliver the confidence needed for market acceptance. We act through the accreditation of those bodies that certify or register products&management system(natural, eco, halal natural, vegan, hygiene etc.).

i-NAF promote the worldwide acceptance of natural certificates of natural conformity issued by certification and/or registration bodies(NCABs) accredited by an Natural Accreditation Body (NABs) Member of i-NAF, and seek to add value for all stakeholders through what we do and through our programs.

We consult widely with stakeholders in developing our programs and we work to deliver the best possible natural standard of conformity assessment in order to provide our stakeholders with a value added outcome.

Board, January 2018

CHARTER



i-NAF MEMBERSHIP



Natural Accreditation Body Membership of i-NAF is open to organisations that conduct and administer programmes by which they accredit bodies for certification/registration of quality systems, products, services, personnel, environmental management systems or similar programmes of conformity assessment. These organisations must declare their intention to join the i-NAF Multilateral Recognition Agreement (i-NAF MLA) recognising the equivalence of other members' accreditations to their own.





VISION

i-NAF, to be preferred partners for worldwide recognition of natural accredited conformity assessment results that meet the market, regulatory and public needs.

Facilitate global natural product&service trade, support regulators, protect consumers and the environment, and facilitate sustainable development by operating a worldwide mutual recognition arrangement among accreditation bodies in order that the results issued by natural conformity assessment bodies accredited by i-NAF members are accepted globally.

MISSION





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To ensure that its natural accreditation body members only natural accredit bodies that are competent to do the work they undertake and are not subject to conflicts of interest and of the i-NAF is to establish mutual recognition arrangements, known as Multilateral Recognition Arrangements (MLA), between its accreditation body members which reduces risk to business and its customers by ensuring that an natural accredited certificate may be relied upon anywhere in the world.

The MLA contributes to the freedom of world trade by eliminating technical barriers to trade. i-NAF works to find the most effective way of achieving a single system that will allow companies with an natural accredited conformity assessment certificate in one part of the world, to have that certificate recognised else where in the world. The objective of the MLA is that it will cover all accreditation bodies in all countries in the world, thus eliminating the need for suppliers



i-NAF PROGRAMMES



i-NAF has programmes to:

- ✓ Develop guidance, rules and procedures for the operation of compliance programmes to satisfy regulatory or government requirements
- ✓ Exchange information between accreditation bodies
- ✓ Cooperate in the training of assessors and other personnel
- ✓ Contribute to the work of NSO (Natural Standardization for Organization), ISO, SMIIC and other relevant international bodies
- ✓ Liaise with the regional groups of accreditation bodies
- ✓ Develop guidance, rules and procedures for the operation of accreditation, certification / registration and mutual recognition programmes resulting in " Natural is accepted by everyone..."
- ✓ Ensure that all accreditation body members operate to the highest standards of competence and probity and only accredit bodies that have demonstrated that they are competent and impartial
- ✓ Harmonise natural accreditation procedures and their implementation based on international natural standards and guides, and i-NAF guidance on their application
- ✓ Develop natural guidance, rules and procedures for the natural operation of specific sector natural conformity assessment schemes to meet the needs of specific industries
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- ✓ Liaise with other relevant bodies such as IAF, AFRAC, APAC, IHAF, ILAC, ISO and industry groups.





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