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**Dear SABS EMC CoC Stakeholders**

**OFFICIAL STAKEHOLDERS NOTIFICATION**  
**IMPLEMENTATION OF SABS ILAC EMC COC CERTIFICATION PROCESS**

The SABS would like to thank all the SABS EMC CoC Stakeholders for their continuous support of all our efforts to issue Certificates of Compliances (CoCs) for non-telecommunication equipment as stipulated in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was entered into by the SABS and ICASA on 30 March 2016.

As a follow-up to ICASA General Notice of 2021 and complying with the WTO requirements – the SABS is writing this formal letter to officially inform all the **SABS EMC CoC Stakeholders** about the proposed implementation of the SABS ILAC EMC CoC certification process.

The SABS ILAC EMC CoC certification process will be officially implemented as from Tuesday, **01 November 2022** – and the following application conditions will be applicable:

- **For the SABS ILAC EMC CoC Certification Process** – the turnaround period or lead-time for this certification service will be **ninety (90)** days, to allow for adequate time to process applications from EMC testing Laboratories that have not been assessed by the SABS through the SABS A-Lab Program Scheme.
- **For the current SABS EMC CoC Certification Process** – the turnaround period or lead-time for this certification service will be **thirty (30)** days taking into account that the applications will be from EMC testing Laboratories that would have already been assessed by the SABS through the SABS A-Lab Program Scheme.
- **For the SABS ILAC EMC CoC application documents** – all the documents that will be used for applying for the SABS ILAC EMC CoC certification process will also be posted on the SABS website on **Tuesday, 01 November 2022** – and the link <https://www.sabs.co.za/emc/>

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The main reason for the proposed service lead-times or turn-around times (TAT) in days – **thirty (30) days for affiliated Laboratories and up to ninety (90) days for non-affiliated applicants** – is that this is the adequate time that has been tried and tested by the SABS to do due diligence in verifying test reports as well as the accreditation status and process data of issued test reports by CoC applicants.

Currently, the SABS is issuing CoCs to A-Lab affiliates within 30 days and the industry stakeholders are aware of this position – where of course more administrative work will be required for Laboratories that are not A-Lab affiliates. Note that the SABS might also require samples to be provided as an additional requirement to aid the formulation of an outcome for non-A-Lab affiliates. There will be of course room for improvements in lead-time or turn-around time (TAT) as and when the applicants improves their submissions.

The SABS sincerely hope that there will be a smooth and seamless implementation of the SABS ILAC EMC CoC process.

Please feel free to contact us if there are any queries – or if you need any additional information.

Yours faithfully

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