

Côte d'Ivoire Ministerial Order N°984 MIS/DGAT/DAG/SDVA on authorization and operation of the West African Accreditation System (issued 28 September 2018).

Translation of Article 3

The purpose of the foreign association called "WEST AFRICAN ACCREDITATION SYSTEM (SOAC)" is to implement, in the Member States of the Economic and West African Monetary Union (UEMOA), a system of accreditation in accordance with the relevant international standards and, taking into account the needs and expectations of the various stakeholders. In this context, it aims to:

- Accredit any conformity assessment body to a standard, and in all areas where accreditation is useful, including:
 - bodies certifying products and services,
 - bodies certifying management systems,
 - bodies certifying people,
 - testing and calibration bodies,
 - inspection bodies;
- to develop market confidence in the accredited bodies and in the information they issue in the activities for which they are accredited, in particular by means of their certificates, attestations, reports and minutes;
- have the UEMOA Accreditation System recognized at Community and International levels and participate in co-operation or recognition agreements bi or multilateral with other accreditation bodies;
- ensure the representation of the interests of UEMOA member states in African bodies and organizations dealing with accreditation