

ANBCC - INDIA NEWS

From April - June 2023

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 During this quarter (1st quarter) of FY 2023-24 ANBCC division has carried out a fare number of activities resulting a moderate start for F.Y. 2023-2024.
- 1.2 During current quarter ANBCC successfully conducted One (1) New Certification, Five (5) nos. Surveillance audits as per ISO:3834-2 and One (1) no. Surveillance audit as per ISO: 3834-3.
- 1.3 Out of five (5) nos. Surveillance Audits as per ISO: 3834-2 four (4) nos. have been carried out on-site mode while one through paper audit on remote. The audits as per ISO:3834-3 was carried out through paper audit on remote.

2.0 Details of activities by IIW-India-ANBCC during the period: April to June - 2023

SI.	Audit Type	Nos.	Type of activity and its status
01	New Certification (ISO:3834-2)	One (1)	The Audit has been carried out by two auditors on site. New Certificates issued.
02	Surveillance Audit (ISO:3834-2)	Four (4)	All Audits carried out by one auditor each on site. Revision of Certificates for 3 nos. issued. 4th one awaiting NC Closure.
03	Surveillance Audit (ISO:3834-2)	One (1)	Audit carried out through document review by one auditor on remote. Revision of Cert. issued.
04	Surveillance Audit (ISO:3834-3)	One (1)	Audit carried out through document review by one auditor on remote. Revision of Cert. issued.

3.0 IAB related activities:-

3.1 IAB Special Audit for ANB & ANBCC conducted online extending authorisation by two years only followed by another full site audit for full authorisation involving physical visit by lead and peer assessors to conduct audit. India at last IAB's Jan'23 meeting had strongly objected to this arrangement and requested IAB to

treat the NOV'22 Special Audit as Renewal Audit with a validity of 5 years followed by a Surveillance Audit by a single auditor after 2.5 yrs. This matter has been referred by Gr. B to the Working Group on rules. This matter is expected to be taken up at forthcoming IIW's 76th Annual Assembly at Singapore in the month of July'23. Accordingly ANB/ANBCC division has been decided to send Dr. Shaju Albert & Mr. Aloke Bose as it's representative to the above mentioned IIW Assembly at Singapore between 14th and 22nd July'23.

4.0 NABCB related activities:-

- 4.1 As per a decision at the 2nd Governing Board meeting on 16-12-22, a 7 persons working group has been formed to work on the Accreditation by NABCB as per ISO:17065 related matter.
- 4.2 Accordingly 3 meetings of the Working Group has been undertaken on 04/01/23, 13/02/23 & 31/03/23 respectively on the following main points:
 - a) Detail Budget for the activities
 - b) Detail work plan of main activities
 - c) List of Quality Documents needs to be prepared
 - d) Signatories for Bank Operation
- 4.3 As per the decision noted in the above meetings the following activities have been completed,
 - a) Name "Product Certification Division"
 - b) Acronym "IIWIPC"
 - c) "Draft Quality Manual" (QM) prepared and circulated to all members of the Working Group for comments.
 - d) "Draft Procedure Manual" (PM) prepared and circulated to all members of the Working Group for comments.
 - e) "Draft Scheme Document" (SD) prepared and will be circulated shortly.
 - f) All forms/formats "Draft mode, made ready" and will be discussed shortly.
 - g) Virtual training on ISO:17065/67 for 2 members of Working Group by OCI arranged.

- h) A separate bank a/c for this new division opened.
- i) An initial meeting with NABCB arranged to understand the procedure towards accreditation by them.

5.0 Other activities/progress

- 5.1 A detail plan for execution of all activities based on the order in hand has been discussed and finalised.
- 5.2 In view of resignation of the Asst. Marketing Manager of ANBCC, Mr. Suman Chakraborty of ANB has been entrusted with additional responsibility to assist DIR-MCS of ANBCC for marketing assistance.

6.0 Specific advantages of IIWs MCS

• Beside ensuring compliance with the requirements

- of ISO:3834, it also covers the welding related aspects of
- a) Environment as per ISO:14001 and
- b) Health & Safety as per OHSAS
- Under MCS of IIW, the certificate is valid for 5 years. Renewal of Certificate are carried out after 4 years of surveillance audits, while as per other certification schemes by competitors the Renewal of Certificate are carried out after 2 years of surveillance audits as the new certificate's validity is 3 years.
- As per MCS, it is a mandatory requirement to assess the competence of WCs, which is also a requirements per new version of ISO:14731:2019.

