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**Requirements for accredited in-house CA bodies**

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Clarification of roles of accredited in-house bodies vs. notified bodies

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Decision, art R21.2 (d)

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**Legislative references:**

- **Regulation No 765/2008/EC** of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 setting out the requirements for accreditation and market surveillance relating to the marketing of products and repealing Regulation No 339/93/EEC – Published in the [OJEU L 218/30 of 13/08/2008](#)
- **Decision No 768/2008/EC** of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 on a common framework for the marketing of products, and repealing Council Decision 93/465/EEC – Published in the [OJEU L 218/82 of 13/08/2008](#)

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**ISSUE TO BE ADDRESSED:**

The Decision establishes at art R21.1 that an accredited in-house body may be used to carry out conformity assessment activities for the organisation of which it forms a part for the purpose of implementing modules 'A1', 'A2', 'C1' or 'C2'. Such a body shall constitute a separate, distinct part of the undertaking and shall not participate in the design, production, supply, installation, use or maintenance of the products to be assessed by it. Art R21.2 (d) states that *"the body shall supply its services exclusively to the undertaking of which it forms a part."*

**SOLUTION ENVISAGED:**

It should be clarified that the purpose of article R21.2 (d) is to specify the character of in-house bodies and to clarify their role (first party body) as opposed to the notified bodies (third party bodies), but in no way prevents the in-house body from applying for notification and, if successful, from offering conformity assessment services to other organisations as a notified body. Therefore, it should be clarified that these bodies are limited to the provision of services to their subsidiary only in their role as accredited in-house bodies. However, the fact that these bodies have applied for accreditation and perform conformity assessment for their parent organisation does not prevent them from applying for notification. If they are then notified, they shall be allowed to provide conformity assessment services to organisations other than their parent organisation, as a third party body.