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1.8.6.4 Subsidiaries and subcontractors of inspection bodies

Note: In-house inspection services according to 1.8.7.6 shall not be considered to be subcontractors_for subsidiaries.

1.8.6.4.1 Where an inspection body uses the services of any other entity (e.g. subcontractor, subsidiary), to carry out specific tasks connected with the conformity assessment, periodic inspection or exceptional check, , , this entity shall be included in the accreditation of the inspection body, or it shall be accredited separately. The inspection body shall ensure that it meets the requirements set out for the tasks given to it with the same level of competence and safety as laid down for inspection bodies (see 1.8.6.8) and it shall monitor it. The inspection body shall inform the competent authority about the above mentionned arrangements.

1.8.6.4.2 The inspection body shall take full responsibility for the tasks performed by such entities [wherever the tasks are performed by them]

1.8.6.4.3 The inspection body shall not delegate the whole task of conformity assessment, periodic inspection or exceptional checks. In any case, the assessment [provisions of 1.8.7...] and the issue of certificates shall be carried out by the inspection body itself.

1.8.6.4.4 Activities shall not be delegated without the agreement of the applicant.

1.8.6.4.5 The inspection body shall keep at the disposal of the competent authority the relevant documents concerning the assessment of the qualifications and the work carried out by the above mentioned entities.

1.8.6.4.6

If a subsidiary of the inspection body is entrusted with some or all of the inspection tasks it shall either be included in the accreditation of the inspection body or be accredited independently.