To all accredited and applicant Certification Bodies for the PRD scheme

To Associations of conformity assessment bodies

Object: **Department of Certification and Inspection – Informative Circular N° 23/2020 Updating dispositions regarding the accreditation according to the certification scheme VinylPlus® Product Label.**

We inform you that the VinylPlus® Product Label (Issue 1.3) is considered acceptable by European NABs in accordance with procedure EA-1/22 rev.04 "EA Procedure and Criteria for the Evaluation of Conformity Assessment Schemes by EA Accreditation Body Members "

As a consequence of that acceptance, any application for accreditation of a CAB according to this scheme will be accepted by those EA-member ABs willing to offer accreditation of conformity assessment activities in accordance with this scheme, in a harmonized way.

According to EA-1/22 rev.04 "*EA Procedure and Criteria for the Evaluation of Conformity Assessment Schemes by EA Accreditation Body Members*", ACCREDIA will be the 'Home AB' for the VinylPlus Product Label scheme, and Elena Battellino (e.battellino@accredia.it) will be the contact point for all EA members willing to offer accreditation of Conformity Assessment Scheme (CAS) in accordance with the scheme.

The accepted scheme is available at https://productlabel.vinylplus.eu/ where it is possible to download the following documents:
- VinylPlus Product-Label – Auditor Guidelines issue 1.3 (June 2020);
- VinylPlus Product-Label – Criteria Scheme Issue 1.3 (January 2020);
- VinylPlus Product-Label – Criteria Development and Revision Protocol version 1.3 (January 2020).

For accreditation issued by ACCREDIA, the information in the paragraphs "Accreditation Process" and "Maintenance of Accreditation" in the Informative Circular No. 11/2019 of 02/04/2019 are still valid.

We are available for any clarifications.

Kind regards,

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