

BMCUK07 Suspension, withdrawal and reduction of scope of certification

The procedure describes cases where the suspension, withdrawn, reduction of scope of the certification and a possible implementation sequence are required.

The certification may be suspended or withdrawn anytime due to breach of the certification contract or Terms and Conditions.

1. The certification shall be suspended in the following cases:

- The occurrence of five (5) or more Major nonconformities or ten (10) or more Minor nonconformities in all schemes. Nonconformities in a surveillance audit must be considered as a breakdown of the clients' management system and certification must be suspended immediately.
Regardless the reason for suspension all NCRs have to be closed in order to reinstate suspended certification. Major NCRs cannot be downgraded to Minor NCRs – if the Major NCR was not raised correctly in the first place it must be discarded and raised again with the correct priority and details.
- The certified products or Systems of the Client continuously and consistently fail to comply with the Standard, including the requirements of management system efficiency.
- The Client fails to comply with the financial obligations of the Contract.
- The certified Client refuses to undergo surveillance audits or recertification audits within the specified frequency.
- The Client has violated the requirements for the use of UKCA marking of the Accreditation Body/ BM Certification Logo
- Failure to close a Major NCR in three months and minor NCR in six months of the issue date (must result in suspension of the client's certification (surveillance))
- Certification manager must suspend certification at latest three (3) months after the closing meeting of a audit, if a certification decision to maintain the certification cannot be taken due to circumstances beyond the control of auditor. (This may include but is not limited to, the client or other parties preventing the use of audit findings and/ or the delayed or declined acceptance of audit findings or the audit report by the client).

2. The certification shall be withdraw/terminated in in the following cases:

- The Client arbitrarily cancels the certification, notifying BM Certification in writing.
- If the period of suspension expires and no action has been taken the clients certification must be withdrawn and if applicable legal action must be taken to enforce the client to remove the BM Certification Logo / Certification mark(s).

3. The scope of certification shall be reduced in the following cases:

- The Client arbitrarily asks for scope reduction, notifying BM Certification in writing
- According to type test results

4. Certification Manager shall make a decision on the suspension, withdrawal or reduction of scope of the certification on the basis of the above mentioned criteria.

5. Once a decision is made on the suspension or withdrawal of certification, the Client shall be informed to immediately stop using any certification marks on products or documentation and the Client is not entitled to make any announcements about their certifications.

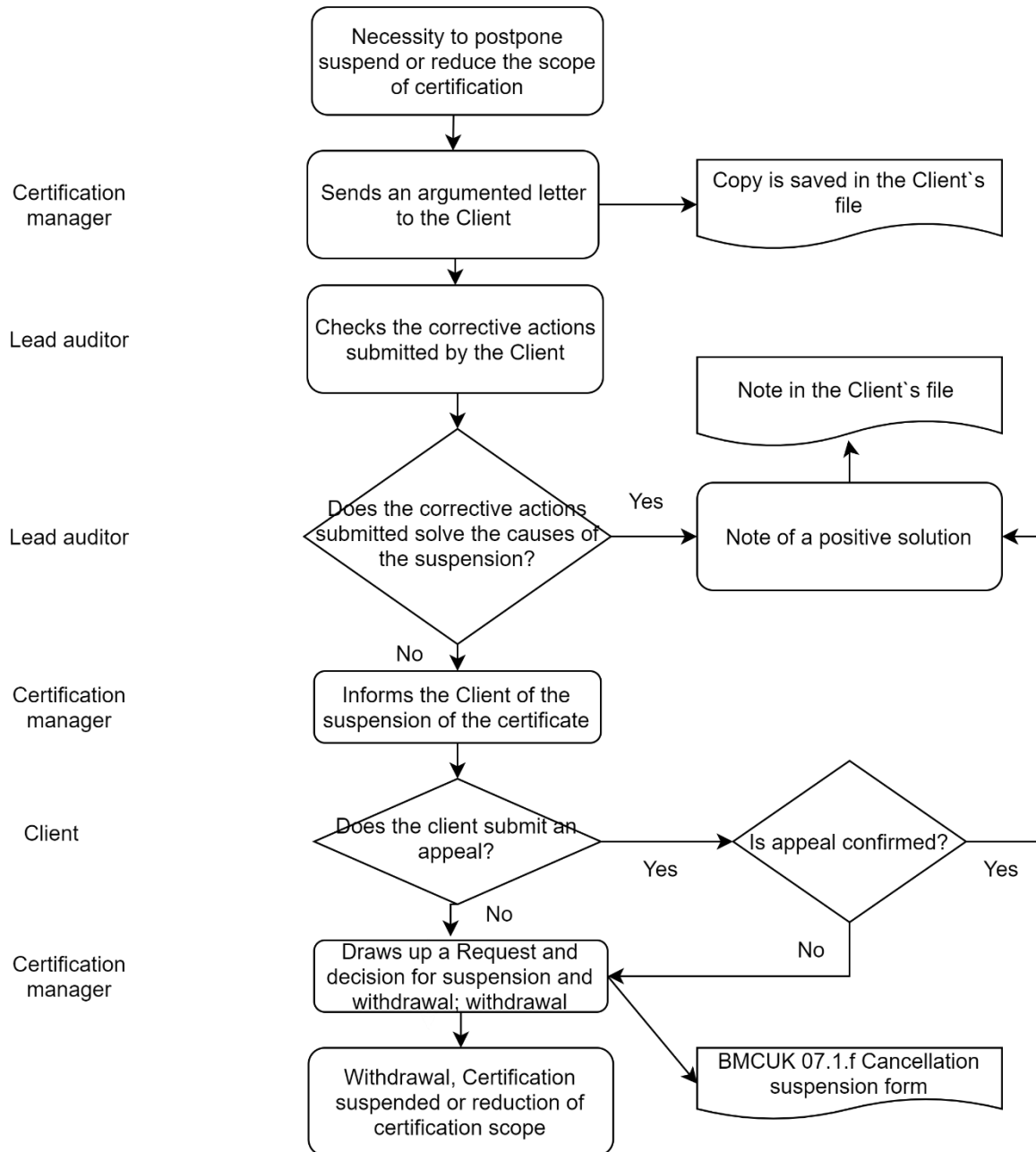
6. If the Client is not able to solve the problems that led to the suspension of certification within the set time limit, suspension of the certifications turns into withdrawal or reduction of scope of the certification.

The maximum period that certification may remain suspended is 6(six) months. In special cases, this period may be extended.

When Client is withdrawn - applicable legal action must be taken to enforce the client to remove the BM Certification Logo / Certification mark(s).

The certification body shall incorporate enforceable actions relating to suspension in the Contract with the Client, ensuring that after receiving notification of certification suspension the Client immediately stops using all advertising materials that contain any reference to a certified status.

Suspension, withdrawal, reduction of scope of the certification and possible implementation sequence



Change history

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