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## Certification, accreditation and scheme ownership

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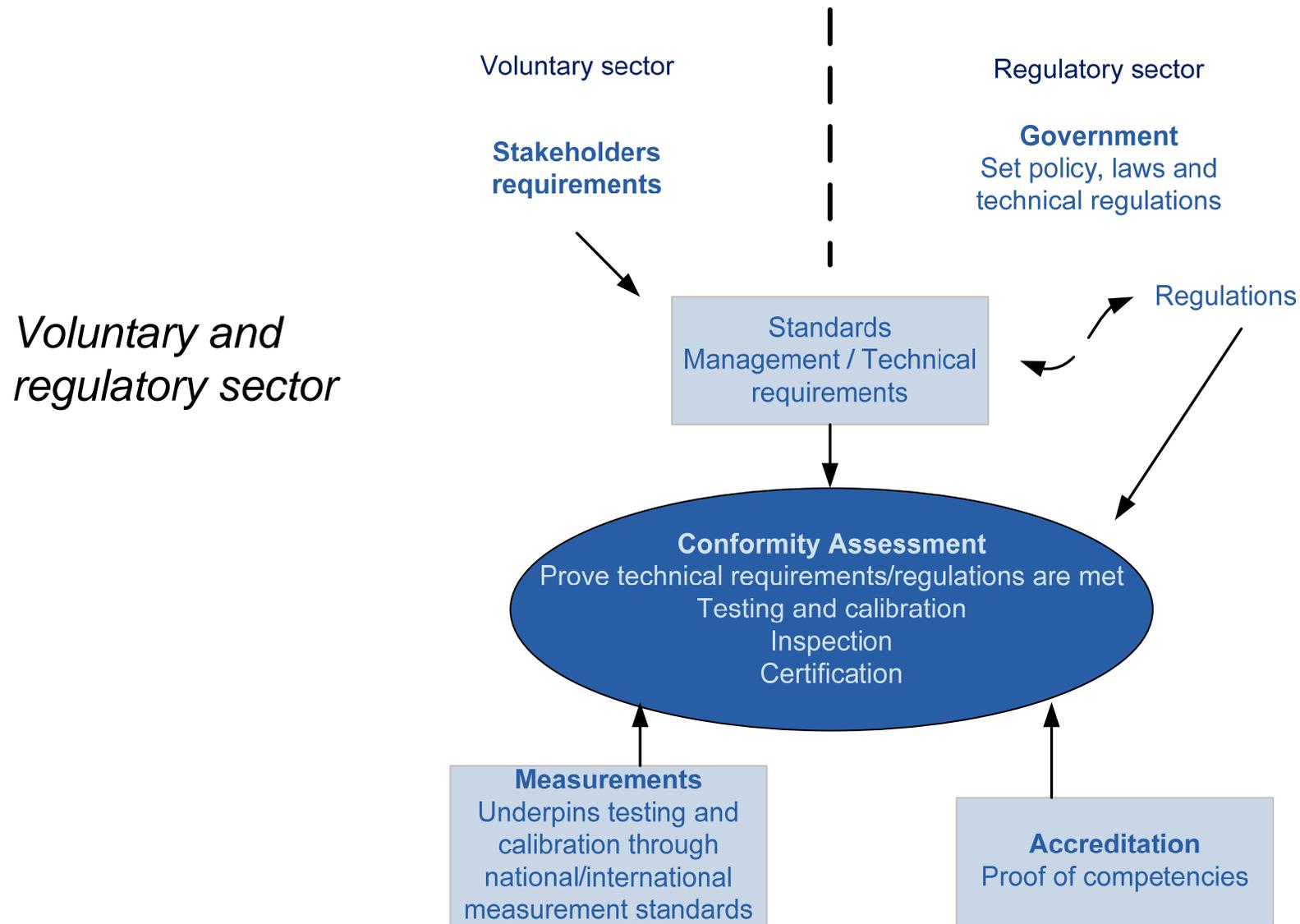
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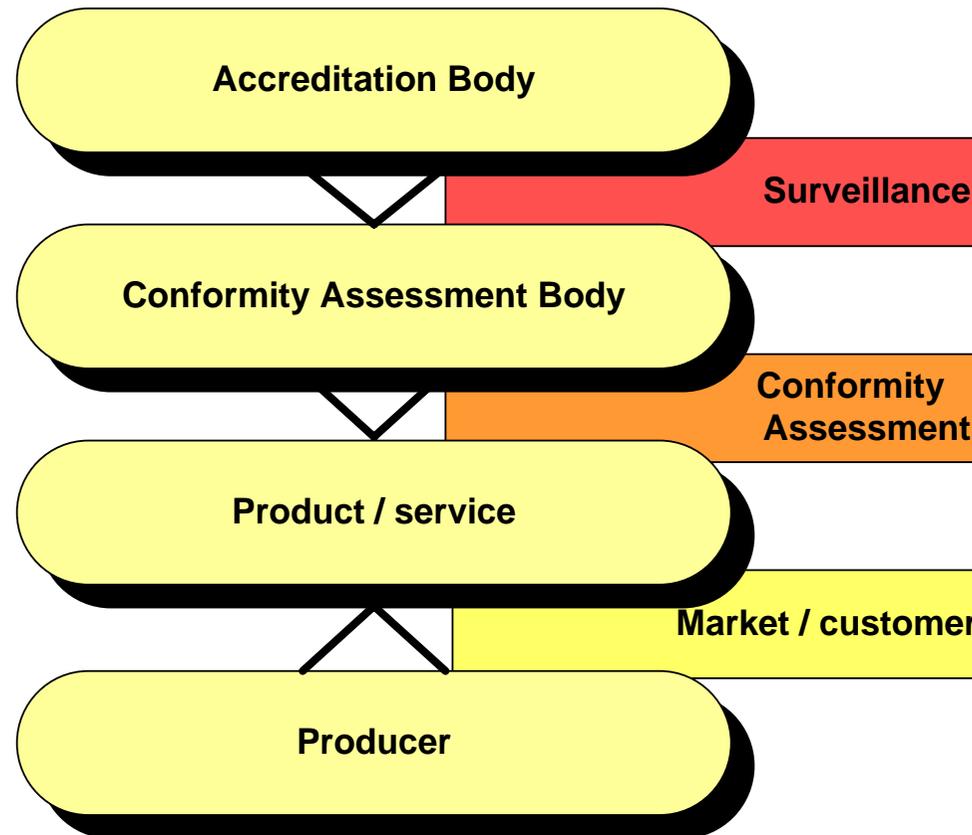
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# Accreditation / certification



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*Interested parties - third party conformity assessment (CA)*



# Accreditation / certification

## *What is accreditation / certification?*

- Accreditation is the procedure by which an authoritative body gives formal recognition that a body or person is competent to carry out specific tasks.
- Certification/registration is when an independent and competent third party certifies that a product, service, system, process or material conforms to specific requirements.

Source: IAF

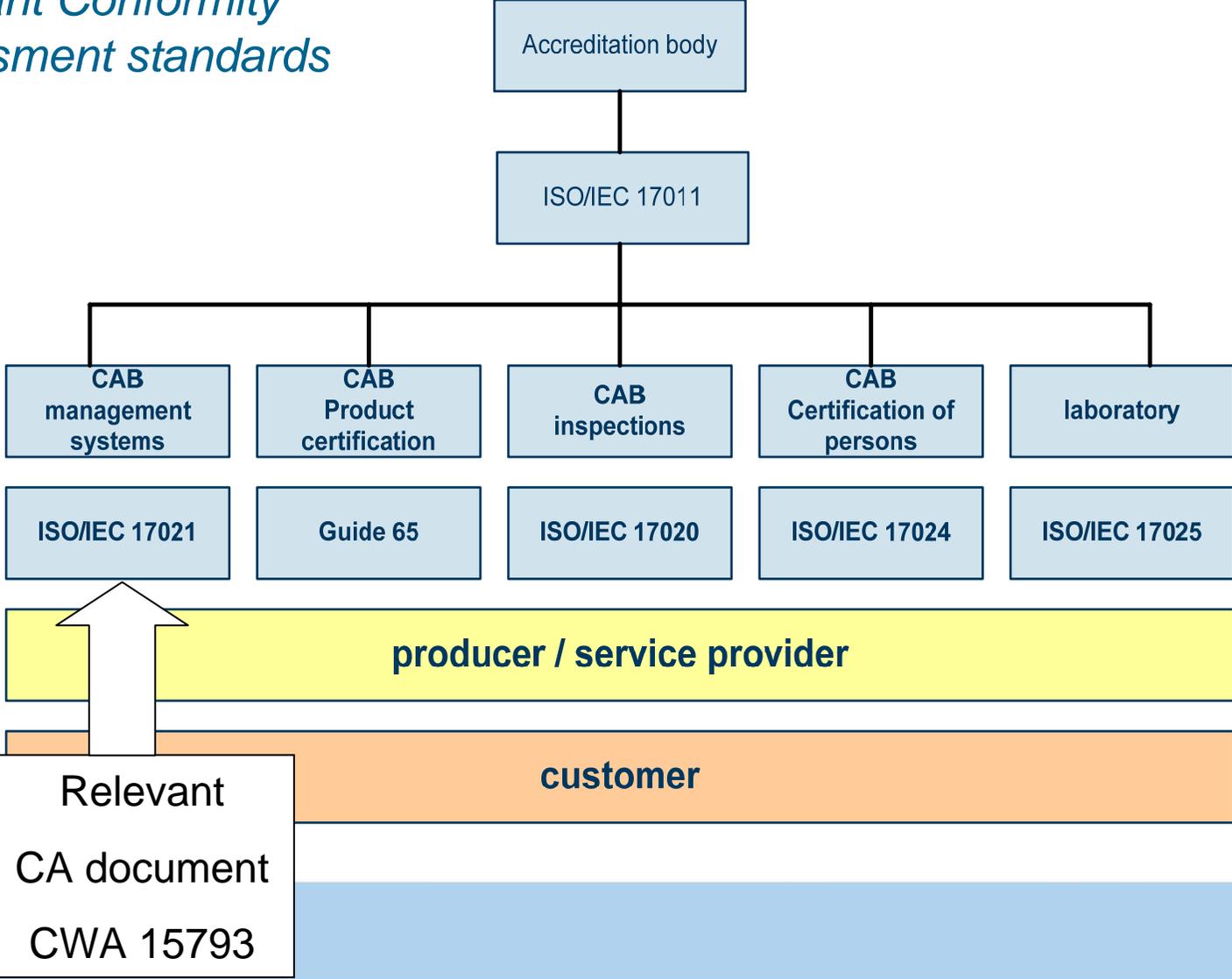
# Accreditation / certification

## *International context – International Accreditation Forum*

- Users of certification/registration are protected from disputable services when their certification/ registration body is accredited by an accreditation body which is an IAF or IAF MLA (Multilateral Recognition Arrangement) member.
- IAF has 59 accreditation body members.
- IAF has strong relations with Regional Accreditation Groups: the European co-operation for Accreditation (EA), the Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (PAC), Interamerican Accreditation Cooperation (IAAC) and Southern African Development Community in Accreditation (SADCA)

# Accreditation / certification

*Relevant Conformity Assessment standards*



# Accreditation / certification

## *Preconditions*



requirements on:

- product / services
- system
- person



requirements on:

- selection (what is the subject?)
- determination (how to determine?)
- review and attestation (what to do with results?)
- need for surveillance (one time job or...?)

separate according to ISO/IEC 17007

# Accreditation / certification

## *Examples*

### Food safety management systems

- EN/ISO 22000 food safety management system – requirements
- ISO/IEC 17021 requirements for CAB's on MS
- ISO/TS 22003 requirements for CAB's on FSMS

### Information security management systems

- ISO/IEC 27001 information security management system– requirements
- ISO/IEC 17021 requirements for CAB's on MS
- ISO/IEC 27006 requirements for CAB's on ISMS

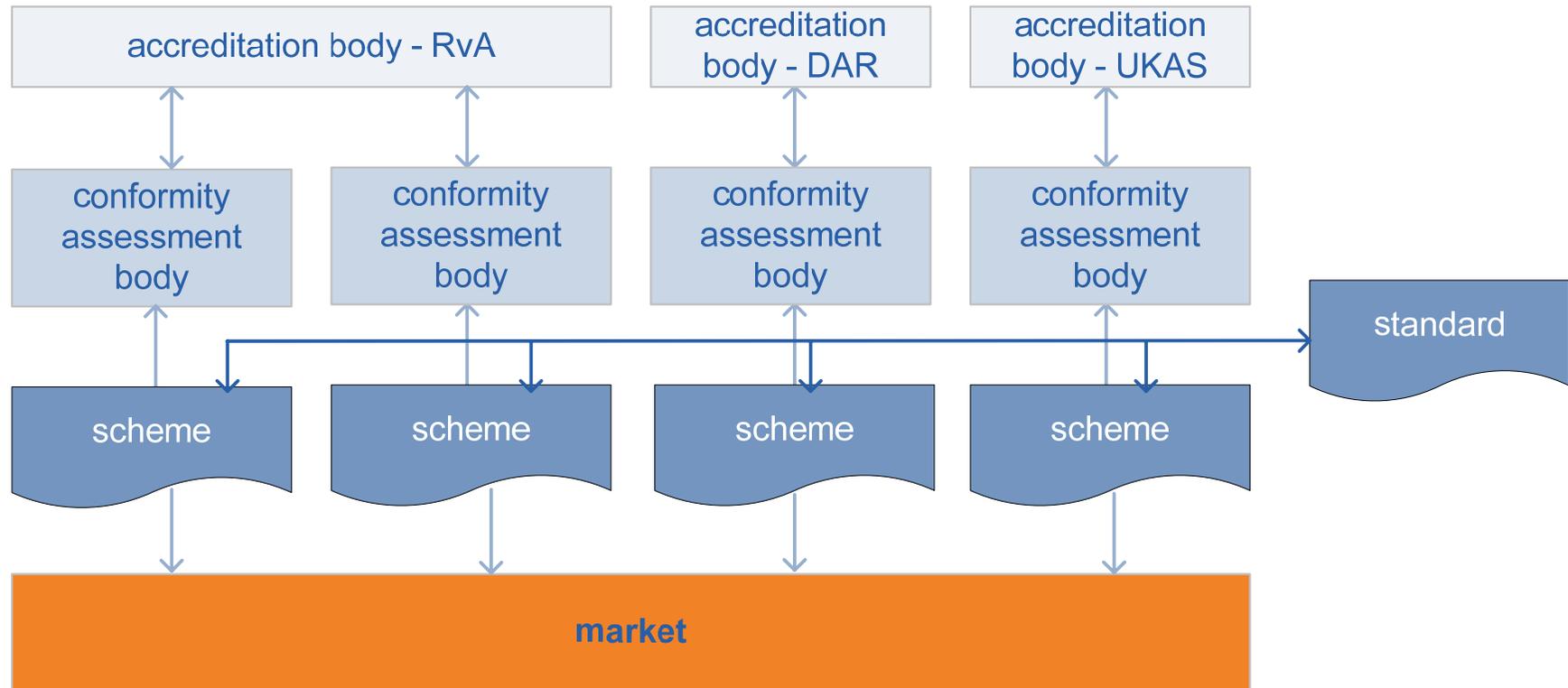
# Scheme ownership

*Who sets up and manages certification schemes?*

- conformity assessment body (CAB)
- standardization body
- public administration body
- specific established organisation/foundation

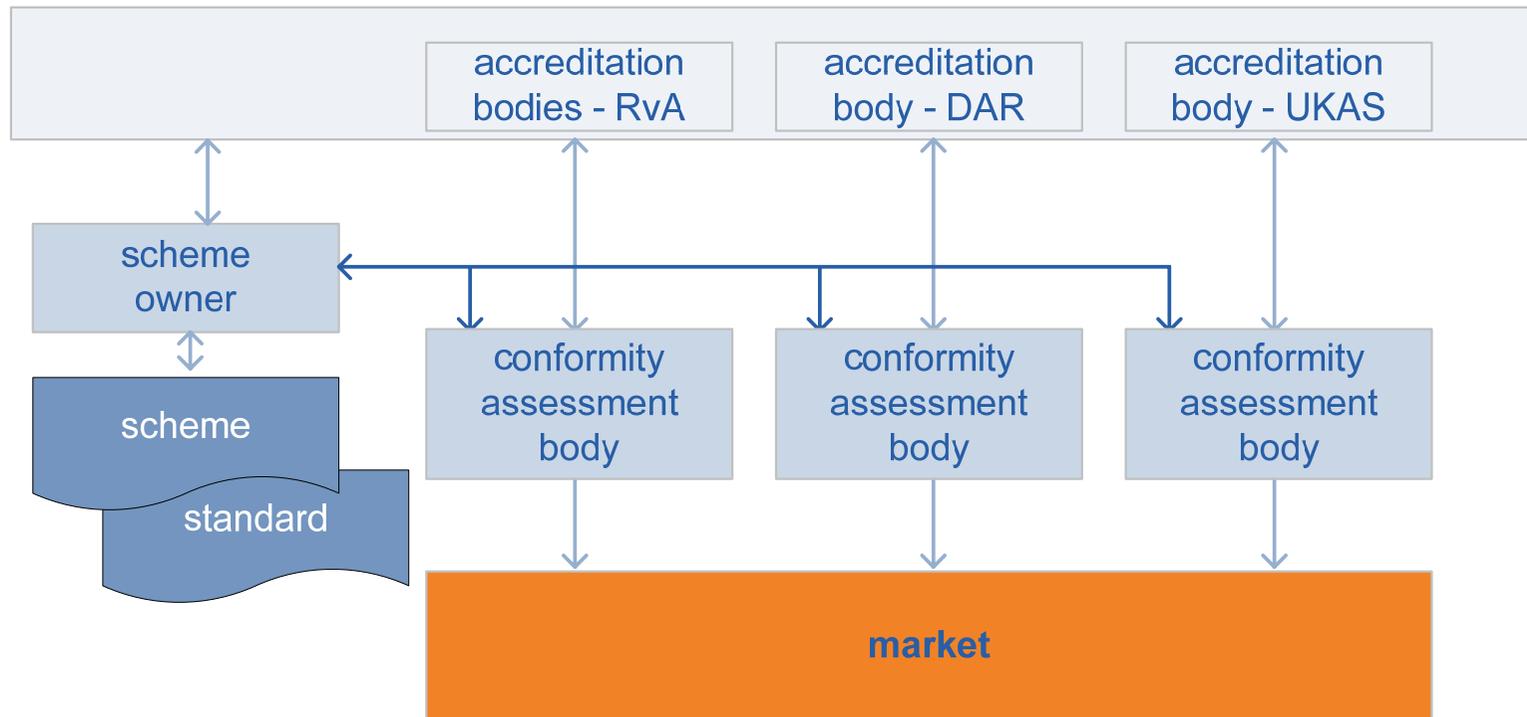
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*Who sets up and manages certification schemes?*

## Scheme owners

sets up and/or manages a central certification scheme, with relevant stakeholders:

- from standard development process (participants CWA 15793)
- conformity assessment bodies
- users

## Tasks:

- marketing/promotion of scheme and certification
- license CAB's to use the certification schema
- use interpretation disputes to update the scheme
- publish interpretations to market and CAB's
- keeps a register of certified organizations

# Accreditation / certification / certification scheme

## *Path forward CWA 15793*

### step 1:

- develop a certification scheme with participants of CWA 15973
- content in accordance with conformity assessment standards
- publish

### step 2:

- discuss setting up a scheme owner
  - For example Dutch Accreditation Council has set up rules for scheme owners