

Press release

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Cotecna Colombia: the first ONAC accredited company as a Certification body for Food Security (ISO 22000) and Information Security (ISO 27000) Management Systems.

On October 29, Cotecna Certificadora Services Ltda, the Colombian subsidiary of Cotecna, one of the world's leading trade inspection, security and certification companies, received the ISO 17021 accreditation from the National Organisation of Accreditation of Colombia (ONAC).

This ISO 17021 accreditation enables Cotecna to certify the following management systems:

- Systems of Management of Security of Information (ISO 27001:2005);
- Systems of Management of Food Safety (ISO 22000:2005);
- Systems of Management of Security and Occupational Health (OHSAS 18001).

Cotecna Certificadora Services Ltda is the first company to be accredited by ONAC as a certification body to certify the Management Systems ISO 22000:2005 and ISO 27001:2005.

ONAC also re-confirmed Cotecna's accreditations for the ISO procedure 9001:2008 and NTCGP 1000:2004, the Quality and Systems Management systems for the public administration sector.

M Alfredo Garcia, Cotecna Colombia Country Manager said; *"We are witness to the increased awareness of our business community concerning Systems of Management. It is now recognised as a competitive advantage rather than a luxury or a simple marketing tool. Cotecna Colombia has a strong commitment to quality and security and has the tools and competence to accompany companies in the process of certification."*

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Note to editors:

1. About Cotecna

Founded in Switzerland in 1974, the **COTECNA** Group offers a wide range of trade facilitation services, trade security services and quality certification standards. Cotecna is a pioneer in areas such as risk management, destination inspection and scanner integration projects and also offers Customs modernization programmes, Customs valuation assistance, trade security solutions and commercial inspections. For a full description of our services, please visit www.cotecna.com. The Cotecna Group has a combined workforce of about 4,000 employees and agents in close to 100 offices.

2. About Cotecna Colombia

Cotecna Certificadora Services Ltda is a fully owned subsidiary of Cotecna Inspection SA, one of the world's leading trade inspection, security and certification companies. Cotecna has been present in Colombia since 1992 and has grown considerably over the past few years especially in the domains of management system certification, certification of products and technical services to validate the conformity of goods to the national and international trade standards.