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I. INTRODUCTION

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services delivered to customers; economic benefits generated by decreasing the share of defective products; lowering customers migration to other companies; fulfillment of the conditions for participation in the auction.

Therefore in accounting often some difficulties can occur at the recognition, measurement and recording of these expenditures. In this context, we further propose some methods which reflect these expenditures related to **ISO certification** based on some examples:

E.g. 1 On 03(day)/07(month)/2014 the entity "Omega" LLC has entered into a contract with the "Consulting" LLC, empowered to carry out implementation of quality management ISO 9001: 2008. Cost of services is 84000 MDL, VAT is included, the whole package of services (training of staff, preparation of documents, internal audit) within 5 months. So entity will reflect:

Table 1

No.	The content of economic operation	Sum, MDL	The correspondence of accounts	
			Debit	Credit
1.	Reflecting the service cost excluding VAT	70000	713	521
2.	Reflecting VAT on services	14000	534.4	521
3.	Payment of the debt related to provided services	74000	521	242

We note that the entity "Omega" recognized these expenses during the current reporting period, but if we include the condition: the entity's accounting policies stated that these preliminary expenditures for certification which exceed the significance threshold, which is 35000 MDL, will be recognized as a prepaid expenditure, knowing the information that these types of certificates are usually issued for a period of three years, it is needed to spread the costs in accordance with the straight-line method throughout the period of usage, so for the No.2 operation we reflect:

- * Dt 171 Ct 521- 68055,56 MDL (70000- 1944,44);
- * Dt 261 Ct 171- 23333,33 MDL (70000: 3 years), reflecting rate for the year 2015;
- * Dt 713 Ct 261- 1944,44 MDL (23333,33 : 12 months), current expenditures .

According to the first method of reflecting the expenses recognized only in a reporting period, if the sum of the revenue is not significant there will be some fiscal losses which must be carried forward in the future according to art. 32 of the Fiscal Code. In the second case we have a more complicated reflection but also a more accurate one, both in terms of accounting and fiscality.

After we have carried out the registration of the preliminary certification expenditures we will analyze the

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records and recognition of the quality certificates according to ISO, once they are issued for a period of three years the entity may recognize:

- * Long-term anticipated expenses with their shift to current spending related to the reporting period;
- * Intangible assets, reflecting amortization;

In either case, both the basis for apportionment for costs and amortization will be the period of validity of the certificate.

E.g. 2 Entity "Alfa" has implemented quality management and has entered into a contract to conduct the external audit with the international organization of accreditation "Gama". The cost of services is 3000 euro, at the official rate 19.3684MDL. The certificate was received for a period of 3 years.

Table 2

No.	The content of economic operation	Sum, MDL	The correspondence of accounts	
			Debit	Credit
1.	Reflecting the cost of services (3000e * 19,3684)	58105,20	171	521
2.	Payment of the debt related to provided services	58105,20	521	243

In this example we will find a correct registration from the perspective of accounting but some fiscal issues may occur, these services will not be with VAT since they are intended for certification. Another important point here is withholding payment from the income for a nonresident in accordance with art. 91-92 of FC (Fiscal Code) in the amount of 12% from the paid sum and the presentation by the end of the month in which the payment was made with INR-14 form to the tax body.

In accounting practice many entities choose to recognize the quality certificates as intangible assets, which does not contradict the new NSC(National Standard of Accounting) "Tangible and intangible assets"

In the example 1 and 2 we will assign the costs for certification to the creation of an intangible asset:

Table 3

No.	The content of economic operation	Sum, MDL	The correspondence of accounts	
			Debit	Credit
1.	Reflecting preliminary certification service cost	70000	111	521.1
2.	Reflecting the cost of external audit services	58105,20	111	521.2
3.	Commissioning the intangible asset	128105,2	112	111
4.	The calculation of the amortization (128105.2 MDL: 3 years : 12 months)	3558,48	713	113

The process of obtaining a certificate in accordance with ISO is not a simple one, it must comply with certain requirements set out by these standards, the economic entity can receive also a refusal to the request of obtaining a certificate, in such a situation the entity shall reflect:

- * **Dt 713 Ct – 171, 261 or 111** the amount of the total expenditures incurred by the economic entity.

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