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TO: IAS – TESTING LABORATORIES AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.

SUBJECT: Proposed Revisions to the Accreditation Criteria for Testing Laboratories AC89-202112-R0 (GA)

Hearing Information:

IAS Accreditation Committee
Tuesday, December 14th, 2021
8:30 AM (California - PST)
WebEx Meeting – Refer to IAS website for details.

Dear Madam or Sir:

Proposed Revisions to the Accreditation Criteria for Testing Laboratories (AC89) has been placed on the agenda for committee consideration at the above-noted meeting.

Proposed changes include:

1. Clause 5.3: removed since transition from ISO/IEC 17025:2005 to ISO/IEC 17025:2017 has been completed.

You are cordially invited to submit written comments, or to attend the WebEx committee hearing and present verbal comments. Written comments will be forwarded to the committee, **prior to the hearing**, if received by November 14, 2021. For your convenience, a comment form is provided. The link can be found on the Accreditation Committee meeting page on the IAS website, www.iasonline.org. Comments must be emailed to iasinfo@iasonline.org.

Parties interested in proposed revised criteria may deliver written communications and submissions regarding such proposed criteria to IAS within approximately 30 days of posting of the public notice on the IAS website. The committee shall be informed of all pertinent written communications received by IAS. Any relevant communication and changes to a criteria arising from the written communication/submission shall be posted to the IAS website prior to the meeting.

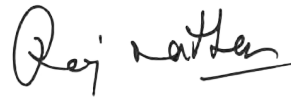
Participants at the accreditation committee meetings shall have the opportunity to speak on the proposed criteria to provide information to the committee. Committee meetings are generally held by electronic means. Participants are responsible to ensure access to

appropriate computer equipment, software, and internet connectivity to ensure effective participation during the meeting.

Your cooperation is requested in forwarding to IAS, as noted above, all material directed to the committee. Prior to the hearing, parties interested in the deliberations of the committee should refrain from communicating, whether in writing or verbally, with committee members regarding agenda items. The committee reserves the right to refuse communications that do not comply with this request.

If you have any questions, please contact IAS at 562-364-8201. You may also reach us by e-mail at iasinfo@iasonline.org.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raj Nathan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Raj Nathan
President

Enclosures: Proposed Revised AC89

cc: Accreditation Committee



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**PROPOSED REVISION TO THE ACCREDITATION CRITERIA FOR TESTING
LABORATORIES**

AC89

Proposed October 14, 2021

PREFACE

The attached accreditation criteria have been proposed to provide all interested parties with an opportunity to comment. These criteria may be further revised as needed. The criteria are developed and adopted following public hearings conducted by the International Accreditation Service, Inc. (IAS), Accreditation Committee and are effective on the first of the month following approval by the Accreditation Committee, but no earlier than 30 days following the approval.

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20 **1. INTRODUCTION**

21 1.1. **Scope:** These criteria set forth the requirements for obtaining and maintaining International
22 Accreditation Service, Inc. (IAS), Testing Laboratory accreditation. These criteria supplement the
23 IAS Rules of Procedure for Testing Laboratory Accreditation.

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25 1.2. **Normative and Reference Documents:** Publications listed below refer to current editions
26 (unless otherwise stated).

27 1.2.1. ISO/IEC Standard 17025, General requirements for the competence of testing and
28 calibration laboratories.

29 1.2.2. ILAC-P9, ILAC Policy for Participation in Proficiency Testing Activities.

30 1.2.3. ISO/IEC Standard 17000, Conformity assessment – Vocabulary and general principles.

31 1.2.4. ILAC-P10, ILAC Policy on Metrological Traceability of Measurement Results.

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33 **2. DEFINITIONS**

34 Applicable definitions of ISO/IEC Standard 17000 series apply.

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36 **3. ELIGIBILITY**

37 Accreditation services are available to testing laboratories that:

38 3.1. Perform tests of its legal entities' own products (internal).

39 3.2. Perform tests of products of external organizations (external).

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41 **4. REQUIRED BASIC INFORMATION**

42 Testing laboratories must demonstrate compliance with the following requirements:

43 4.1. ISO/IEC Standard 17025, General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration
44 laboratories.

45 4.2. IAS Rules of Procedure for Testing Laboratory Accreditation.

46 4.3. ILAC P-9, ILAC Policy for Participation in Proficiency Testing Activities.

47 4.4. ILAC-P10, ILAC Policy on Metrological Traceability of Measurement Results.

48 4.5. Relevant IAS policy documents.

49 4.5.1. IAS/CL/025 IAS Policy on Calibration, Traceability and Measurement Uncertainty for
50 Testing Laboratories

51 4.5.2. IAS/TL-CL/026 Policy on Off-Site Testing/Calibration

52 4.5.3. IAS/TL-CL/031 IAS Policy on Proficiency Testing for Laboratories

53 4.5.4. IAS/ADM/044 IAS Policy on Relocation of Accredited Organizations

55 **5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (AS APPLICABLE)**

56 5.1. **Proficiency Testing Activity:** Proficiency testing activity shall be completed in accordance with
57 ILAC-P9 and IAS/TL-CL/031, IAS Policy on Proficiency Testing for Laboratories.

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59 5.2. **Regulatory Requirements:** Regulatory entities may place specific compliance requirements on
60 laboratories. If a laboratory is required to comply with the regulatory requirements as may be
61 applicable, they must agree to comply with additional requirements.

62 Testing laboratories must comply with regulatory requirements of Authority Having Jurisdiction
63 (AHJ) or other regulatory entities, including specific compliance requirements for qualification,
64 licensing, etc., of personnel and operation of testing laboratory.
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67 ~~5.3. **IAS Transition Policy for International Standard ISO/IEC 17025:2017:** Laboratories that
68 have not demonstrated full compliance with ISO/IEC 17025:2017 international standard by June
69 1, 2021, are subject to suspension and their accreditation certificate will be removed from the
70 IAS website until further compliance is demonstrated. For further details, please refer to the
71 transition policy posted on the IAS website.~~

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73 **6. LINKS TO ADDITIONAL REFERENCES**

74 6.1 Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation – www.apac-accreditation.org

75 6.2 International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation – www.ilac.org

76 6.3 International Organization for Standardization – www.iso.org

77 6.4 International Electrotechnical Commission – www.iec.ch

78 6.5 International Accreditation Service – www.iasonline.org

79 6.6 IAS Transition Policy – [https://www.iasonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/17025-Transition-](https://www.iasonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/17025-Transition-Policy-June-2020.pdf)
80 [Policy-June-2020.pdf](https://www.iasonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/17025-Transition-Policy-June-2020.pdf)

81 6.7 Article on ISO/IEC 17025:2017 – [https://www.iasonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/The-](https://www.iasonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/The-New-ISO-IEC-17025-2017.pdf)
82 [New-ISO-IEC-17025-2017.pdf](https://www.iasonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/The-New-ISO-IEC-17025-2017.pdf)

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84 *These criteria were previously issued September 2002, June 2003, May 2004, May 2005, August 2006, April 2008, May 2010,*
85 *September 2013, February 2015, February 2016, April 2017, September 27, 2018, and Editorially revised January 22, 2019 and*
86 [October 2020.](#)