



April 21, 2025

TO: IAS TESTING LABORATORIES AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.

SUBJECT: Proposed Revisions to the Accreditation Criteria for Testing Laboratories, AC89-202506-R0 (DK)

Hearing Information:

IAS Accreditation Committee

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

8:30 am (Pacific Time Zone)

WebEx Meeting – Refer to IAS website for details.

Dear Madam or Sir:

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

Proposed changes include:

1. Lines No. 41-42: Section 1.2.9: Changed the number of the IAS Policy on Proficiency Testing to IAS/ADM/103 and changed the title (now reads “IAS Policy on Participation in Proficiency Testing and/or Interlaboratory Comparisons”), to Include Interlaboratory Comparisons. Document was revised due to revision of ILAC P9:01/2024 (ILAC Policy for Participation in Proficiency Testing Activities).
2. Lines No. 44-45: Section 1.2.11: Added IAS/ADM/100 IAS Policy for the Integrated Accreditation of a Conformity Assessment Body having Multi-Site Activities in Multiple Locations, that was not included in AC89.
3. Line No. 49: Added “I” in front of “LAC.”
4. Line No. 61: Section 1.3.4: Removed the IAS/TL-AA-PCA/058 IAS Guideline for Defining Scopes of Accreditation related to PS1-19 (Structural Plywood), PS-2-18 (Performance Standard for Wood Structural Panels) and Applicable European Union (EU) Directives/Regulations, as IAS is not offering accreditation to PS-1 and PS-2.
5. Lines No. 85-86: Section 5.1: Replaced IAS/TL-CL-031 with revised IAS/ADM/103 IAS Policy on Participation in Proficiency Testing and/or Interlaboratory Comparisons.

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 **May 30, 2025**. 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,

International Accreditation Service

IAS Management

Enclosures: Proposed Revised AC89

cc: Accreditation Committee



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

AC89

Proposed June 11, 2025

Effective xxxx

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.

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE ACCREDITATION CRITERIA FOR TESTING LABORATORIES

1 INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

1.2.2 ILAC-P9, ILAC Policy for ~~Participation in~~ Proficiency Testing and/or Interlaboratory comparisons other than Proficiency Testing Activities.

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

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

1.2.5 IAS Rules of Procedure for Testing Laboratory Accreditation,

1.2.6 IAS/TL-CL/013 IAS Calibration and Testing Laboratory Accreditation Programs Definitions

1.2.7 IAS/TL/025 IAS Policy on Calibration, Traceability and Measurement Uncertainty for Testing Laboratories

1.2.8 IAS/TL-CL/026 Policy on Off-Site Testing/Calibration

1.2.9 ~~IAS/TL-CL/034~~ IAS/ADM/103 IAS Policy ~~On~~ Participation in Proficiency Testing and/or Interlaboratory Comparisons ~~for Laboratories~~

1.2.10 IAS/ADM/044 IAS Policy On Relocation of Accredited Organizations

~~1.2.101.2.11~~ IAS/ADM/100 IAS Policy for the Integrated Accreditation of a Conformity Assessment Body having Multi-Site Activities in Multiple Locations

~~1.2.111.2.12~~ ILAC P8: ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement (Arrangement): Supplementary Requirements for the Use of Accreditation Symbols and for Claims of Accreditation Status by Accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies

~~1.2.121.2.13~~ ILAC P14:09/2020 ILAC Policy for Measurement Uncertainty in Calibration.

~~1.2.131.2.14~~ ILAC G8:09/2019 Guidelines on Decision Rules and Statements of Conformity

~~1.2.141.2.15~~ ILAC G17:01/2021 ILAC Guidelines for Measurement Uncertainty in Testing

~~1.2.151.2.16~~ ILAC G18:12/202101/2024 Guideline for describing Scopes of Accreditation

~~1.2.161.2.17~~ ILAC G24:2022 Guidelines for the determination of recalibration intervals of measuring equipment

1.3 **Other Documents as Needed**

- 1.3.1 ILAC G7:04/2021 Accreditation Requirements and Operating Criteria for Horseracing Laboratories
- 1.3.2 ILAC G19:06/2022 Modules in a Forensic Science Process
- 1.3.3 ILAC R7:05/2015 Rules for the Use of the ILAC MRA Mark
- 1.3.4 ~~IAS/TL-AA-PCA/058 IAS Guideline for Defining Scopes of Accreditation Related to PS 1-19 (Structural Plywood), PS 2-18 (Performance Standard for Wood Structural Panels) and Applicable European Union (EU) Directives/Regulations~~
- 1.3.5 [1.3.4](#) IAS/ADM/084 Policy on the Use of the ILAC/IAF/IAS Combined Marks

2 DEFINITIONS

Applicable definitions of ISO/IEC Standard 17000 series apply.

3 ELIGIBILITY

Accreditation services are available to testing laboratories / sampling organizations that:

- 3.1 Perform tests of its legal entities' own products (internal).
- 3.2 Perform tests of products of external organizations (external).
- 3.3 Perform sampling activities for subsequent testing.

4 REQUIRED BASIC INFORMATION

Testing laboratories / sampling organizations must demonstrate compliance with the following requirements (as applicable):

- 4.1 ISO/IEC Standard 17025, General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories.
- 4.2 IAS Rules of Procedure for Testing Laboratory Accreditation.
- 4.3 Refer to Sections 1.2 and 1.3 for relevant documents as required.

5 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (AS APPLICABLE)

- 5.1 **Proficiency Testing Activity:** Proficiency testing activity shall be completed in accordance with ~~ILAC-P9 and IAS/TL-CL/031~~, [IAS/ADM/103](#) IAS Policy on [Participation in](#) Proficiency Testing [and/or Interlaboratory Comparisons](#). ~~for Laboratories.~~
- 5.2 **Regulatory Requirements:** Regulatory entities may place specific compliance requirements on laboratories. If a laboratory is required to comply with the regulatory requirements as may be applicable, they must agree to comply with additional requirements.

Testing laboratories must comply with regulatory requirements of Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) or other regulatory entities, including specific compliance requirements for qualification, licensing, etc., of personnel and operation of testing laboratory.

This clause applies also to any subprogram under the Testing Laboratory Accreditation Program where a Regulator has provided with any additional requirements or guidance required to meet accreditation/recognition status.

6 LINKS TO ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- 6.1 Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation – <https://www.apac-accreditation.org/>
- 6.2 International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation – www.ilac.org
- 6.3 International Organization for Standardization – www.iso.org
- 6.4 International Electrotechnical Commission – www.iec.ch
- 6.5 International Accreditation Service – www.iasonline.org
- 6.6 US FDA ASCA Program - www.fda.gov/medical-devices/standards-and-conformity-assessment-program/accreditation-scheme-conformity-assessment-asca
- 6.7 US FDA LAAF Program - <https://datadashboard.fda.gov/ora/fd/laaf.htm>
- 6.8 California State ELAP Program - www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/labs/
- 6.9 Department of Defense Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (DoD ELAP) - www.denix.osd.mil/edqw/accreditation/home/index.html
- 6.10 The Department of Environmental Consolidated Audit Program (DoE CAP) - www.energy.gov/ehss/analytical-services-program
- 6.11 The NELAC Institute (TNI) - <https://nelac-institute.org/>

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