



April 21, 2025

**TO: IAS – INSPECTION AGENCIES AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.**

**SUBJECT: Proposed Revisions to the Accreditation Criteria for Inspection Agency AC98-202506-R0 (MZ/KE)**

**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 Inspection Agencies (AC98) have been placed on the agenda for committee consideration at the above-noted meeting.

Proposed changes include:

1. Line 36 and Line 60: Added ILAC P10 *ILAC Policy on Metrological Traceability of Measurement Results* as normative and accreditation criteria document, which is ILAC compulsory policy document for inspection agency accreditation.
2. Lines 37-38: Added ILAC P9 *ILAC Policy for Proficiency Testing and/or Interlaboratory comparisons other than Proficiency Testing* as normative document, which is ILAC compulsory policy document for inspection agency accreditation.
3. Lines 39-441: Added 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* as normative reference which is ILAC compulsory policy document for inspection agency accreditation.
4. Line 42: Added ILAC R7 *Rules for the Use of the ILAC MRA Mark* as normative document, which is compulsory document for all ILAC MRA signatories.
5. Line 44: Added ILAC G27 *Guidance on measurements performed as part of an inspection process* as reference document to harmonize the interpretation of measurements involved in the inspection.
6. Lines 45-46: Added ILAC G28 *Guideline for the Formulation of Scopes of Accreditation for Inspection Bodies* as reference document to harmonize the accreditation scope.

7. Lines 61-62: Added IAS/ADM/103 *IAS Policy on Participation in Proficiency Testing and/or Interlaboratory Comparisons* as accreditation criteria, which addresses the requirements of ILAC P10.
8. Line 63: Added IAS/ADM/084 *Policy on the use of the ILAC/IAF/IAS Combined Marks* as accreditation criteria, which addresses the requirements of ILAC P8.

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](http://www.iasonline.org). Comments must be emailed to [iasinfo@iasonline.org](mailto: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](mailto:iasinfo@iasonline.org).

Yours very truly,

*International Accreditation Service*

IAS Management

Enclosure: Proposed Revised AC98

cc: Accreditation Committee



**PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE ACCREDITATION CRITERIA FOR INSPECTION AGENCIES**

**AC98**

**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 INSPECTION AGENCIES

### 1. INTRODUCTION

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

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

1.2.1. ISO/IEC Standard 17020, Conformity assessment – Requirements for the operation of various types of bodies performing inspection.

1.2.2. ILAC P15, Application of ISO/IEC 17020:2012 for the Accreditation of Inspection Bodies.

1.2.3. ILAC P10 ILAC Policy on Metrological Traceability of Measurement Results.

1.2.4. ILAC P9 ILAC Policy for Proficiency Testing and/or Interlaboratory comparisons other than Proficiency Testing.

1.2.5. 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.

~~1.2.2.~~ 1.2.6. ILAC R7 Rules for the Use of the ILAC MRA Mark.

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

1.2.8. ILAC G27 Guidance on measurements performed as part of an inspection process.

~~1.2.3.~~ 1.2.9. ILAC G28 Guideline for the Formulation of Scopes of Accreditation for Inspection Bodies.

### 2. DEFINITIONS

Applicable definitions of ISO/IEC Standard 17000 series apply.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY

Accreditation services are available to bodies that provide inspection services.

### 4. REQUIRED BASIC INFORMATION

Inspection Agencies must demonstrate compliance with the following requirements:

4.1. ISO/IEC Standard 17020, Conformity assessment – Requirements for the operation of various types of bodies performing inspection.

4.2. IAS/AA/009 IAS Rules of Procedure for Inspection Agency Accreditation.

4.3. ILAC P15, Application of ISO/IEC 17020:2012 for the Accreditation of Inspection Bodies.

60 [4.4. ILAC P10 ILAC Policy on Metrological Traceability of Measurement Results.](#)

61 [4.5. IAS/ADM/103 IAS Policy on Participation in Proficiency Testing and/or Interlaboratory](#)  
62 [Comparisons](#)

63 [4.3-4.6. IAS/ADM/084 Policy on the use of the ILAC/IAF/IAS Combined Marks](#)

## 64 65 **5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (AS APPLICABLE)**

66 5.1. **Inspection Records, Reports and/or Certificates:** Inspection records, reports and/or  
67 certificates issued by the inspection agency shall comply with clauses 7.3.2, 7.4.1, 7.4.2, 7.4.3,  
68 7.4.4 and 7.4.5 of ISO/IEC Standard 17020 and clauses 7.3.1n1 and 7.4.2n1 of ILAC P15.

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70 5.2. **Regulatory requirements:** Regulatory entities may place specific compliance requirements on  
71 inspection agencies. If an inspection agency is required to comply with the regulatory  
72 requirements as may be applicable, they must agree to comply with additional requirements.

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74 Inspection agencies must comply with regulatory requirements of Authority Having Jurisdiction  
75 (AHJ) or other regulatory entities, including specific compliance requirements for qualification,  
76 licensing, etc., of personnel and operation of inspection agency.

## 77 78 **6. LINKS TO ADDITIONAL REFERENCES**

79 6.1. Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation – [www.apac-accreditation.org](http://www.apac-accreditation.org)

80 6.2. International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation – [www.ilac.org](http://www.ilac.org)

81 6.3. International Organization for Standardization – [www.iso.org](http://www.iso.org)

82 6.4. International Electrotechnical Commission – [www.iec.ch](http://www.iec.ch)

83 6.5. International Accreditation Service – [www.iasonline.org](http://www.iasonline.org)

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86 *These criteria were previously issued September 2002, March 2004, May 2005, August 2006, October 2009, June 2013, February*  
87 *2015, February 2016, April 2017, and editorially revised January 2019, and February 2022.*