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Management system requirements of
ISO/IEC 17025:2005 - statement for use on
accreditation certificates and test/calibration
reports/certificates

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1 BACKGROUND

Following the alignment of ISO/IEC 17025 with ISO 9001:2000 and its publication as ISO/IEC 17025:2005, the joint working group of ISO-ILAC-IAF has issued a communiqué concerning the management system requirements of ISO/IEC 17025:2005. The intention is to provide a means by which a laboratory's customers can be informed that the management system of a laboratory accredited to ISO/IEC 17025:2005 meets the principles of ISO 9001:2000 and that separate certification (registration) to ISO 9001 is therefore unnecessary. The communiqué is available on the UKAS website www.ukas.com but the text is given below for convenience.

Joint ISO-ILAC-IAF Communiqué

"A laboratory's fulfilment of the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025:2005 means that the laboratory meets both the technical competence requirements and *management system requirements* that are necessary for it to consistently deliver technically valid test results and calibrations. The *management system requirements* in ISO/IEC 17025 (Section 4) are written in language relevant to laboratory operations and meet the principles of ISO 9001:2000 *Quality Management Systems - Requirements* and are aligned with its pertinent requirements."

ILAC has defined a statement that may be added to accreditation certificates and that accredited laboratories may also use on test reports and calibration certificates:

Statement on certificates

"This laboratory is accredited in accordance with the recognised International Standard ISO/IEC 17025:2005. This accreditation demonstrates technical competence for a defined scope and the operation of a laboratory quality management system (refer joint ISO-ILAC-IAF communiqué dated 18 June 2005)"

The use of this statement on test reports and calibration certificates is conditional on supplying, or providing access to (via a website), the Joint ISO-ILAC-IAF Communiqué as part of the package for laboratory customers.

UKAS will include the statement on ISO/IEC 17025:2005 accreditation certificates in due course.

2 POLICY

The statement above is the only form of words permissible when making reference to the laboratory quality management system on reports and certificates.

The Joint ISO-ILAC-IAF communiqué must be supplied to customers when the statement is used; alternatively the customer's attention must be drawn to a website where the communiqué is available.

The statement may not be used until the accreditation certificate to ISO/IEC 17025:2005 is issued to the laboratory.