

## Announcement – Publication of IAF ILAC A1, A2, A3 and A6

This serves to announce the publication of the following documents by the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC):

- **IAF/ILAC-A1:01/2018 – IAF/ILAC Multi-Lateral Mutual Recognition Arrangements (Arrangements): Requirements and Procedures for Evaluation of a Regional Group.** This document identifies requirements and procedures for evaluation of Regional Groups of accreditation bodies operating a multilateral mutual recognition Arrangement. It includes requirements for the organization, management system and procedures for evaluating Regional Group’s multilateral, mutual recognition Arrangement(s).

The implementation period for the revised IAF/ILAC A1 is for all peer evaluations that commence from the date of publication.

- **IAF/ILAC-A2:01/2018 – IAF/ILAC Multi-Lateral Mutual Recognition Arrangements (Arrangements): Requirements and Procedures for Evaluation of a Single Accreditation Body.** This document identifies requirements and procedures for evaluation of a single accreditation body. It shall be used by IAF and/or ILAC for the evaluation of single ABs (also called: unaffiliated accreditation bodies).

The implementation period for the revised IAF/ILAC A2 is for all peer evaluations that commence from the date of publication. In relation to the use of the cross-referenced IAF/ILAC A3 reporting template, this is mandatory for all evaluations based on ISO/IEC 17011:2017.

- **IAF/ILAC-A3:01/2018 – IAF/ILAC Multi-Lateral Mutual Recognition Arrangements (Arrangements): Template report for the peer evaluation of an Accreditation Body (AB) based on ISO/IEC 17011:2017.** The implementation period for this revised version of IAF/ILAC A3 is from the date of publication for all evaluations carried out to ISO/IEC 17011:2017. The purpose of this document is to provide a tool for the evaluation and report preparation process, allowing an AB under evaluation to present information, facts and figures about its performance and to provide a means for the evaluation team to present confirmation of this information within the evaluation report.

- **IAF/ILAC-A6:01/2018 – IAF/ILAC Approval Process for IAF/ILAC A-Series Documents.** The implementation period for this revision of IAF/ILAC A6 is from the date of publication. This document describes the procedures to be followed in the development, approval and maintenance of IAF/ILAC A-Series document

The date of implementation for this document is the date of publication on the IAF and ILAC websites. The published documents is available from the ILAC website <http://ilac.org/publications-and-resources/joint-ilac-iaf-series/>. The document was prepared by a joint IAF/ILAC working group on Harmonization of Peer Evaluation Processes and approved by the IAF and ILAC memberships by electronic ballot in December 2017.

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