



# OIML Liaison Activities

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# International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC)



- ILAC first started as a conference, which was held on 24-28 October 1977 in Copenhagen, Denmark.
- In 1996, ILAC became a formal cooperation with a charter to establish a network of mutual recognition agreements among accreditation bodies.
- In 2000, the 36 ILAC Full Members consisting of laboratory accreditation bodies from 28 economies worldwide, signed the ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement (ILAC MRA) in Washington DC.

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- The ILAC MRA for calibration and testing laboratories came into effect on 31 January 2001.
- The ILAC MRA was then extended in October 2012 to include the accreditation of inspection bodies. In May 2019 it was further extended to include the accreditation of proficiency testing providers and in May 2020 for the accreditation of reference material producers.

# International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC)



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118 Full Members (signatories to the ILAC MRA) representing 117 economies;

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16 Associates representing 18 economies;

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20 Stakeholders;

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6 Regional Cooperation Bodies (includes 5 Recognised Regional Cooperation Bodies)

# ILAC and OIML Collaboration Activities



- IAF-ILAC-OIML MoU re-signed on 8 February 2024
- New ILAC liaison to the OIML – Rob Knake
- Work Programme being developed
- IAF ‘endorsement’ of the OIML-CS



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)  
BETWEEN  
THE INTERNATIONAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION COOPERATION (ILAC),  
THE INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION FORUM (IAF)  
AND  
THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF LEGAL METROLOGY (OIML)

The Chair of the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC),  
The Chair of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and  
The President of the International Committee of Legal Metrology (OIML),

have agreed to cooperate through this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) considering that:

- measurement plays an essential role in developing confidence between trading partners and in demonstrating that goods comply with written specifications and legal requirements;
- accreditation and legal metrology are key elements of an essential infrastructure for national and international consistency of measurements;
- the use of competent product certification, quality management system certification, testing, calibration and inspection in legal metrology controls must be encouraged;
- the existence of a Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) between ILAC members and the existence of a Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA) between IAF members provides the cornerstone for the acceptance of results from accredited testing and calibration laboratories and inspection and certification organizations;
- the importance of the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML) Certification System (OIML-CS), the ILAC MRA and the IAF MLA to underpin a unified worldwide metrology system for consumer protection, industry, commerce and world-wide trade; and
- the complementary nature of OIML, ILAC and IAF work and the benefits of working together for the development of an international, global metrology system.

1. Areas of Cooperation

The Parties agree to:

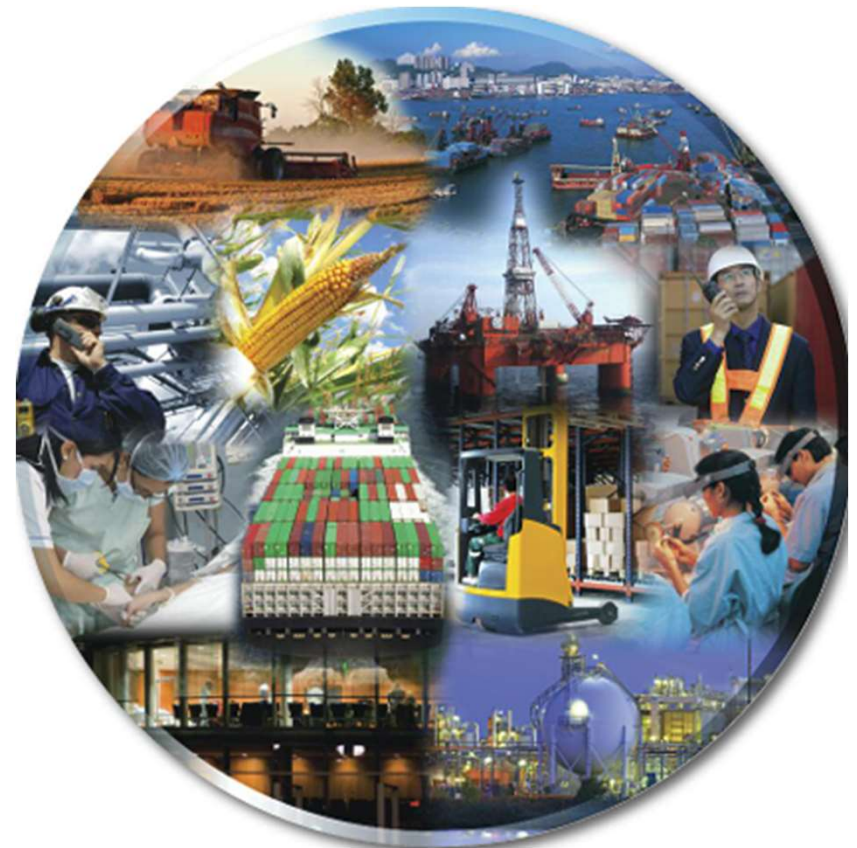
- 1.1 maintain an active ILAC-IAF-OIML liaison by:

# ILAC Arrangement Committee (ARC) Update



Responsible for harmonised implementation and continual improvement of the ILAC Arrangement.

- Efforts continue to address feedback on the draft of an ILAC policy for cooperation.
- Several concerns were raised about the last revision and with the process of harmonisation with the current IAF policy.
- A working group has been tasked to analyse feedback and provide a recommendation to the ILAC Executive Committee.



# ILAC Accreditation Committee (AIC) Update



Responsible for harmonisation and improvement of accreditation practices (technical issues) at the international level.



- Paul Dixon, OIML-CS Executive Secretary, participates in the AIC activities.
- The 2024-2025 Work Plan was discussed and there are plans to develop training for ILAC experts to participate in OIML-CS assessments.
- ILAC Working Group Metrology has a new convener in Giulia Suriani.
- Next meeting will be virtual and is planned for April 23, 2025. An in-person meeting will be held in Bangkok, Thailand in October.

# Further Information



- IAF and ILAC have published a communication to regulators and specifiers on specifying the use of the Cooperation accreditation. Please refer to the IAF and ILAC websites for up-to-date information or contact the Secretariats.



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# Thank You

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