

## Current Issues at DAP – Extracts of the DAP News 2 –2005 in German

**ISO–ILAC–IAF COMMUNIQUE**

ISO, ILAC and IAF plan a communiqué to be signed in June 2005 which may be used as a reference to ISO 9001:2000 in the accreditation certificates of test and calibration laboratories.

As before no direct statement may be made with regard to ISO 9001 on the certificates, but a reference to the communiqué instead. The draft of the “Joint ISO-ILAC-IAF Communiqué” basically is as follows:

*The compliance with the requirements of the ISO/IEC 17025:2002 by a laboratory means that the laboratory complies with the requirements for the technical competence and the management system which are necessary to provide permanent reliable test and calibration results. The requirements for the management system as in section 4 of the ISO/IEC 17025 are specific to the laboratory work and comply with the principles of the ISO 9001:2000 “Quality Management Systems – Requirements”.*

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**NO NEED TO MENTION THE APPROVED SIGNATORIES FOR TEST REPORTS, SAMPLING RECORDS, INSPECTION REPORTS AND CERTIFICATES IN THE ACCREDITATION CERTIFICATES**

On its 71<sup>st</sup> meeting in April 4<sup>th</sup> 2005, the AfA (Committee for Accreditation) took the following decision:

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There is no need to mention the approved signatories for test reports, sampling records, inspection reports and certificates in the accreditation certificates. On request of the customer, exceptions from this rule may be made.

The body to be assessed prepares an updated list with the respective person subgroup on it (with names, qualification/occupational title, area of responsibility or authority to sign) submitting it to DAP in preparation of the assessment. Accredited bodies shall maintain this list updated informing DAP immediately on modifications in accordance with the obligation of the contract to give notice of changes relevant for the accreditation.

The assessors are called upon checking whether the list is still up-to-date for the area assessed making a respective statement in the assessment report.

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**COMBINED ILAC-MRA MARK FOR LABORATORIES AND IAF-MLA MARK FOR CERTIFICATION BODIES FOR PRODUCTS**

In November 2004, the ILAC President and the DAP Managing Director Univ.-Prof. Dr.-Ing. habil. Kurt Ziegler signed the Contract on the Use of Marks for the ILAC-MRA Mark (International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation – Mutual Recognition Arrangement).

The membership in the ILAC MRA provides the basis for this contract. Since November 2000, the ILAC-MRA has been the precondition for the mutual recognition of accreditations in more than 40 member states now.

The signatories to the ILAC-MRA are listed on the verso of our certificate cover sheet and are topically retrievable from <http://www.ilac.org/>.

ILAC provides all signatories the possibility to the MRA and laboratories accredited to advertise worldwide and uniformly with the membership in the Mutual Recognition Arrangement.

As of now DAP will facilitate all laboratories accredited by DAP the use of the so-called combined ILAC-MRA Mark on test reports.



Therefore, we would like the laboratories to request us for the Mark in writing. The DAP Office will send you then the sublicense agreement specified by ILA in two originals in English and one German translation. After the sublicense agreement has been signed and your draft for the use of the mark submitted to us, you then will be given our approval in writing.

Also our accredited certification bodies for products have the possibility to advertise with the IAF-MLA Mark (International Accreditation Forum – Multilateral Agreement).

**TOPICS**

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As reported a short time ago, the worldwide Multilateral Arrangement for the mutual recognition of the accreditation of product certification bodies was concluded in autumn last year with DAP as an admitted member.

At the time being there has not been a worldwide recognition agreement for inspection bodies.

Because of current events we would like to point out again that the EA rules for the use of the accreditation symbol have to be followed (DAR Logo and Registration Number) The documents EA-3/01 ([www.european-accreditation.org](http://www.european-accreditation.org)) or in the German translation DAR-3-EM05 ([www.dar.bam.de](http://www.dar.bam.de)) and the DAP Rule RW II.5 "Use of the national accreditation symbols for accredited testing laboratories, certification and inspection bodies" provide the requirements to be complied with. Basically the DAR Logo may only be used on documents which refer at least partially refer to the accredited area. On business documents as cost estimates or contract offers (including letter-papers) which also refer to services not subject to the accreditation, it is to be stated clearly and unambiguously which areas are accredited.

Letters printed on letter paper which have the DAR Logo on it and which belong to reports and certificates which exclusively contain results of a non-accredited area, have to have a revocation remark which e.g. contains the following statement: <<Attached results are not affected by the accreditation.>>

Neither the DAR Logo nor a full text remark can be stated on visit cards used by the staff of the accredited body.

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