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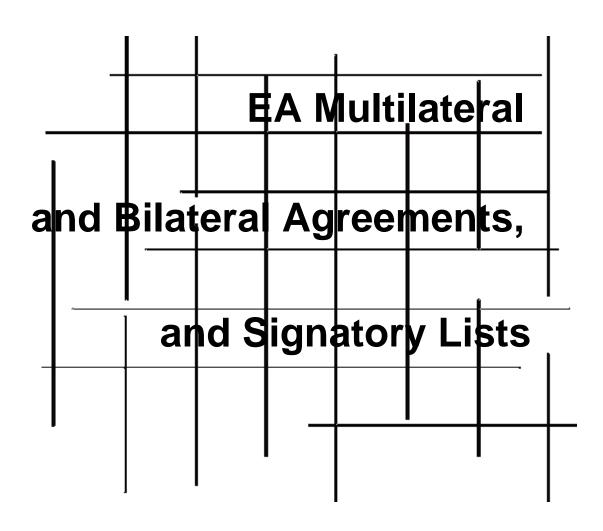
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1 INTRODUCTION

The EA Multilateral Agreement provides the basis for accepting the equivalence of the operation of the accreditation systems administered by EA members, and accepting that the certificates and reports issued by organisations accredited by EA members are equally reliable.

2 EA MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT (EA MLA)

Those EA Full Member accreditation bodies that are signatories to the EA Multilateral Agreement (EA MLA) have been evaluated by peers and demonstrated their competence. The specific agreement signed by each signatory accreditation body describes its scope of competence. The scopes may include accreditation of laboratories, accreditation of certification bodies and/or accreditation of inspection bodies.

The peer evaluation system for EA members provides confidence that accreditation is operated in a harmonized and consistent way throughout Europe.

The EA peer evaluation system is recognised by the European Commission and by EU/EFTA Member States and it is mandatory for national accreditation bodies to undergo peer evaluation according to Article 10 in Regulation (EC) No 765/2008.

3 EA BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

EA Associate Members are eligible to enter into a Bilateral Agreement with the EA Full Member signatories of the EA MLA with the aim of establishing mutual confidence in the respective accreditation systems and in their accredited attestations of conformity.

Nationally recognised accreditation bodies that are not eligible to be an EA Full or Associate Member as defined in the EA Articles of Association may, under certain circumstances, be invited to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with EA. Some of these Cooperation Agreements may be extended into Bilateral Agreements with EA with the aim of establishing mutual confidence in their respective accreditation systems and in the accredited attestation of conformity.

An accreditation body, having signed a Cooperation Agreement and willing to sign a Bilateral Agreement with EA MLA signatories, will be subject to the same full EA peer evaluation process as that applied to EA Full Members.

4   SCOPES OF THE EA MLA AND BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

The EA MLA and bilateral agreements cover the following scopes.

Accreditation of	Scope/Activity	Standards
Laboratories	Testing and Medical Laboratories Calibration	ISO/IEC 17025 ISO 15189 ISO/IEC 17025
Certification bodies	Certification of products	EN 45011 (ISO/IEC Guide 65)
	Certification of persons	ISO/IEC 17024
	Certification of management systems	ISO/IEC 17021
Inspection bodies	Inspection	ISO/IEC 17020

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ANNEX   A   *EA MLA AND BILATERAL AGREEMENT SIGNATORIES AND SCOPES*

A.1 EA MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT SIGNATORIES

	CALIBRATION LABORATORIES	TESTING and MEDICAL LABORATORIES	CERTIFICATION BODIES - PRODUCTS	CERTIFICATION BODIES - PERSONS	CERTIFICATION BODIES - MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	INSPECTION BODIES
AUSTRIA - **BMWFJ**	√	√	√	√	√	√
BELGIUM - **BELAC**	√	√	√	√	√	√
BULGARIA - **BAS**	√	√	√	√	√	√
CROATIA - **HAA**	√	√	√	√	√	√
CYPRUS – **CYS-CYSAB**		√				√
CZECH REPUBLIC - **CAI**	√	√	√	√	√	√
DENMARK - **DANAK**	√	√	√	√	√	√
ESTONIA - **EAK**	√	√	√	√	√	√
FINLAND - **FINAS**	√	√	√	√	√	√
FRANCE – **COFRAC**	√	√	√	√	√	√
GERMANY - **DAkkS**	√	√	√	√	√	√
GREECE - **ESYD**	√	√	√	√	√	√
HUNGARY - **NAT**	√	√	√	√	√	√
IRELAND - **INAB**	√	√	√		√	√
ITALY - **ACCREDIA**	√	√	√	√	√	√
LATVIA - **LATAK**	√	√	√	√	√	√
LITHUANIA - **LA**	√	√	√	√	√	√
LUXEMBURG - **OLAS**		√	√		√	√
MALTA – **NAB-MALTA**		√				
NETHERLANDS - **RvA**	√	√	√	√	√	√
NORWAY - **NA**	√	√	√	√	√	√
POLAND - **PCA**	√	√	√	√	√	√
PORTUGAL - **IPAC**	√	√	√	√	√	√
ROMANIA - **RENAR**	√	√	√		√	
SLOVAKIA - **SNAS**	√	√	√	√	√	√
SLOVENIA - **SA**	√	√	√	√	√	√
SPAIN - **ENAC**	√	√	√	√	√	√
SWEDEN - **SWEDAC**	√	√	√	√	√	√
SWITZERLAND - **SAS**	√	√	√	√	√	√
TURKEY - **TURKAK**	√	√	√	√	√	√
UNITED KINGDOM - **UKAS**	√	√	√	√	√	√

ANNEX   A   EA MLA AND BILATERAL AGREEMENT SIGNATORIES AND SCOPES

A.2 EA BILATERAL AGREEMENT SIGNATORIES

	CALIBRATION LABORATORIES	TESTING and MEDICAL LABORATORIES	CERTIFICATION BODIES - PRODUCTS	CERTIFICATION BODIES - PERSONS	CERTIFICATION BODIES - MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	INSPECTION BODIES
ISRAEL - **ISRAC** *	√	√				√
SOUTH AFRICA - **SANAS**						√
UKRAINE - **NAAU** *				√		
TUNISIA - **TUNAC** *	√	√			√	

* Accepted as associate member by the EA General Assembly in November 2011 (Resolution 2011(28)03).