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1.1.1 Historical Background

1.1.1.1 The Mauritius Accreditation Service (MAURITAS) has been set up as the national accreditation body, following a recommendation made by the World Bank in the context of the Technical Assistance project to Enhance Competitiveness (TAEC) in the years 1994-1999.

1.1.1.2 It was initially set up as the National Laboratory Accreditation Council (NLAC) in 1997 and it is now established as a Department within the Ministry responsible for the subject of Industrial Development following the adoption of the Mauritius Accreditation Service Act 1998, also referred to as Act No 23 of 1998. Section 8(1) of the Mauritius Accreditation Service Act 1998 was amended on 24 July 2017 to provide for independent accreditation decision making (copy of the MAURITAS Act in Annex B).

1.1.1.3 We started our first activities following the promulgation of the legislation in August 1999.

1.1.1.4 We are currently housed at the following address:

4th Floor, Crescent House
Corner Deschartes and Foucault streets
Port Louis
Mauritius.

1.1.2 Cross References

1.1.2.1 Annex B

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