



MAURITAS P11

Procedure for implementation of ILAC,
IAF and Regional Cooperation Bodies
documents

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Foreword

The MAURITIUS ACCREDITATION SERVICE (MAURITAS) is a governmental body established in 1998 to provide a national, unified service for the accreditation of Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) such as calibration/testing laboratories, certification bodies and inspection bodies. Organizations that comply with the MAURITAS requirements are granted accreditation by MAURITAS.

About MAURITAS publications

MAURITAS publications are categorized as follows:

- R series Publications containing general policy and requirements related to MAURITAS accreditation.
- G series Publications providing guidance on MAURITAS requirements.
- A series Publications related to assessment procedures.
- P series MAURITAS quality system procedures
- F series MAURITAS Forms
- Directories Classified listing of accredited organizations.

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Procedure for implementation of ILAC, IAF and Regional Accreditation Cooperations (RACs) documents

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of the procedure is to establish a mechanism to indicate how MAURITAS implements the ILAC, IAF and RACs (SADCA and AFRAC) documents.

2. Scope and Responsibilities

2.1 This procedure sets out how MAURITAS implements ILAC, IAF and RACs (SADCA and AFRAC) documents. It is the responsibility of all MAURITAS staff to adhere to this document.

3. Reference

3.1 **IAF/ILAC F2.1-A2** : Application from a Single Accreditation Body to join the Arrangement

3.2 **F007-01** : Application from an Accreditation Body to join the SADCA Arrangement

3.3 **F007-09** : Application from an Accreditation Body to join the AFRAC Arrangement or extend their scope of recognition

4. Definition

4.1 Regional Cooperation Bodies

Formally established regional accreditation cooperations having objectives similar to and compatible with ILAC/IAF, which are committed to the obligations of the ILAC/IAF Multilateral Mutual Recognition Arrangements and which consist of formally nominated representatives of the accreditation interests from at least four economies. Recognised Regional Cooperation Bodies are those whose Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRA/MLA) have been successfully peer-evaluated by ILAC/IAF.

5. Procedure

5.1 All relevant ILAC, IAF and RACs (SADCA and AFRAC) documents are implemented by MAURITAS in order to meet the requirements as set at international and regional level.

5.2 It is an obligation for MAURITAS to comment and vote on documents being prepared by ILAC, IAF and RACs (SADCA and AFRAC) within set deadlines.

5.3 On receipt of documents for comments / voting from ILAC, IAF and RACs, the Director forwards same to the Head of the relevant section for review and advice on their suitability. The respective Head of Sections will then submit his recommendation to the Director, who will submit the comments or cast the vote before deadline.

5.4 Following confirmation from ILAC, IAF and RACs on the outcome of the vote, MAURITAS will:

- Inform the organisations within a week of the relevant finalized documents, where applicable;
- Where necessary convene the relevant Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for advice on technical aspects of the ILAC, IAF and RACs document and establish transition period, where applicable;
- Plan and implement the ILAC, IAF and RACs documents through relevant MAURITAS procedures, guidelines and regulations within the transition period defined by ILAC, IAF and RACs taking into consideration, where necessary, the recommendations of TACs;

5.5 All records of implementation of the above procedure are kept by MAURITAS in the relevant files.

6. Related Forms

Appendix A: Amendment Table

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