

Why use an Accredited Laboratory?



Accreditation

Is a means of determining the technical competence of testing, calibration and medical laboratories to perform specific types of testing, measurement and calibration.



WHY

is a laboratory's technical competence so critical to you as a manufacturer, supplier, exporter or customer?



- ▲ Minimise risk.
- ▲ Avoid expensive retesting.
- ▲ Enhance your customers' confidence.
- ▲ Reduce costs and improve acceptance of your goods overseas.



WHAT

factors should you consider when choosing a laboratory?



- Accreditation uses criteria and procedures specifically developed to determine technical competence such as:
- 🌱 The qualifications, training and experience of the staff.
 - 🌱 The right equipment – properly calibrated and maintained.
 - 🌱 Adequate quality assurance procedures.
 - 🌱 Proper sampling practices.
 - 🌱 Appropriate testing procedures.

HOW

can you tell if a laboratory is accepted?



Accredited laboratories usually issue reports bearing some type of symbol or endorsement indicating their accreditation.

Accreditation bodies in many countries publish lists or directories of the laboratories they have accredited.



ILAC Mutual Recognition Agreement (ILAC MRA)

Over 100 accreditation bodies have signed a Mutual Recognition Agreement, called the ILAC arrangement.

Full details for the ILAC Arrangement and the list of signatories can be found on the ILAC website.

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