



STEERING COMMITTEE IEC-ILAC-IAF

SUBJECT:

Conditions for use of Accreditation Logo/Mark/Symbol on Test Reports & Certificates and information in the Market Place

BACKGROUND:

The experience gained from IECEE members are that the IAF/ILAC MLA ABs are not requiring the accreditation logo in a consistent way. However, some Accreditation Bodies are requiring their logo on the certificates issued under the accreditation.

For certification organizations in IECEE this will result in a two level certification as the certificates issued under the accreditation must have the accreditation logo while those issued based on a IECEE CB test report and certificate are not allowed to bear the accreditation logo.

It is fully understood that the market must have clear information about the Accreditation Body that has granted the accreditation but the present practice as implemented by some Accreditation Bodies is not improving the market information as a certificate for a specific product category will sometimes have the accreditation logo and sometimes not although the certificate is issued by the same Certification Body. Even certificates for the same manufacturer will be with or without the accreditation logo depending on the ABs policy.

ACTION:

Whilst awaiting a common solution, the Steering Committee is requested to agree on other means of informing the market place as an alternative to mandatory use of the accreditation logo on Test Reports and Certificates issued by the Member CB of the IEC Systems.