

## SLAB POLICY ON TRANSITION TO ISO/IEC 17025: 2017

The new ISO/IEC 17025:2017 (General Requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories) standard was published on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and replaced ISO/IEC 17025:2005. The agreed transition period is 3 years from the date of publication, that is 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

The International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) has officially announced to extend the transition due date for ISO/IEC 17025:2017 from 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 to 01<sup>st</sup> June 2021 due to global COVID 19 pandemic.

Accordingly, SLAB transition policy has been revised.

As per the revision of SLAB policy on transition, accreditation granted as per ISO/IEC 17025: 2005 would not be valid after 01<sup>st</sup> June 2021.

In addition, the following are also applicable for this transition.

Testing and calibration laboratories accredited as per ISO/IEC 17025:2005 shall undergo re-assessment to demonstrate their compliance to ISO/IEC 17025:2017 and complete the process of re-assessment on or before 01<sup>st</sup> June 2021.

SLAB accredited Testing and Calibration Laboratories shall demonstrate full implementation of ISO/IEC 17025: 2017 by 01<sup>st</sup> June 2021.

All laboratories shall under go onsite assessment before 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021, that is four months before the end of transition.

The accreditation of any Testing and Calibration Laboratory which fails to demonstrate compliance to ISO/IEC 17025:2017 by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021 shall be placed under temporally suspension for a maximum of 04 months. Failure to comply with ISO/IEC 17025: 2017 by 01<sup>st</sup> June 2021 would result in withdrawal of accreditation.

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