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Management system requirements of  
ISO/IEC 17025:2005 - statement for use on  
accreditation certificates and test/calibration  
reports/certificates

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## CHANGES SINCE LAST EDITION

## 1 BACKGROUND

Following the alignment of ISO/IEC 17025 with ISO 9001:2000 and its publication as ISO/IEC 17025:2005, the joint working group of ISO-ILAC-IAF has issued a communiqué concerning the management system requirements of ISO/IEC 17025:2005. The intention is to provide a means by which a laboratory's customers can be informed that the management system of a laboratory accredited to ISO/IEC 17025:2005 meets the principles of ISO 9001:2000 and that separate certification (registration) to ISO 9001 is therefore unnecessary. The communiqué is available on the UKAS website [www.ukas.com](http://www.ukas.com) but the text is given below for convenience.

### Joint ISO-ILAC-IAF Communiqué

"A laboratory's fulfilment of the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025:2005 means that the laboratory meets both the technical competence requirements and *management system requirements* that are necessary for it to consistently deliver technically valid test results and calibrations. The *management system requirements* in ISO/IEC 17025 (Section 4) are written in language relevant to laboratory operations and meet the principles of ISO 9001:2000 *Quality Management Systems - Requirements* and are aligned with its pertinent requirements."

ILAC has defined a statement that may be added to accreditation certificates and that accredited laboratories may also use on test reports and calibration certificates:

### Statement on certificates

"This laboratory is accredited in accordance with the recognised International Standard ISO/IEC 17025:2005. This accreditation demonstrates technical competence for a defined scope and the operation of a laboratory quality management system (refer joint ISO-ILAC-IAF communiqué dated 18 June 2005)"

The use of this statement on test reports and calibration certificates is conditional on supplying, or providing access to (via a website), the Joint ISO-ILAC-IAF Communiqué as part of the package for laboratory customers.

UKAS will include the statement on ISO/IEC 17025:2005 accreditation certificates in due course.

## 2 POLICY

The statement above is the only form of words permissible when making reference to the laboratory quality management system on reports and certificates.

The Joint ISO-ILAC-IAF communiqué must be supplied to customers when the statement is used; alternatively the customer's attention must be drawn to a website where the communiqué is available.

The statement may not be used until the accreditation certificate to ISO/IEC 17025:2005 is issued to the laboratory.