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To: All accredited and applicant proficiency testing providers

**Subject: Transition to ISO 17043: 2023 Proficiency Testing
Providers- General requirements for the competence**

This is for the information of all proficiency testing providers that a new version of ISO 17043: 2023 had been published on 8th May 2023. Based on ILAC Resolution GA 26.09; EIAC has issued this circular to update proficiency testing providers and the related stakeholders on the EIAC actions, transition process and required timelines to this version of the standard as detailed below under (Annexure A).

All proficiency testing providers shall purchase and hold a copy of ISO 17043: 2023 version which is available through the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) website.

In order to ensure the implementation of this transition period; the proficiency testing providers are obliged to comply with EIAC Fees Structure Requirements EIAC-RQ-GEN-003 available in www.eiac.gov.ae.

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Thanks & Regards



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ANNEX A.

Activity	Action	Responsibility	Deadline
Accreditation Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update Eiac accreditation documents including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Accreditation Application for PT Provider (Eiac-PR-02/FM-043) ➤ Quality Document Review Checklist for ISO/IEC 17043:2010 (Eiac-PR-002/FM-009) Publish Eiac updated accreditation documentation in the website www.eiac.gov.ae 	Eiac	1 st November 2023
Application for accreditation	Eiac will not accept any new applications as per ISO/IEC 17043:2010.	Eiac	1 st June 2024
Document Review	The accredited proficiency testing providers shall submit “Quality Document Review Checklist for ISO/IEC 17043:2023” along with related supporting documentations at least 2 months before the scheduled assessment visit.	Accredited proficiency testing providers	2 months before the scheduled assessment visit
Assessment	All initial assessments will be carried out based on ISO/IEC 17043:2023 version only.	Eiac	1 st June 2024 onwards
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All scheduled assessment visits for proficiency testing providers (Periodic and Reassessment) will be assessed as per ISO/IEC 17043:2023 version only. 	Eiac	1 st June 2024 onwards

	<p>NOTE: In case if the accredited proficiency testing provider found to be still not complying with the requirements of ISO/IEC 17043:2023; EIAC will carry out the scheduled assessment as per ISO/IEC 17043:2010, however, an extraordinary/additional assessment will be conducted not later than March 2025, taking into consideration that EIAC will not be responsible for any delay caused that might affect the transition deadline.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The “Quality Document Review Checklist for ISO/IEC 17043:2023” and the related supporting documentation will be verified during the scheduled assessment. 		
	<p>As per EIAC Guidance for Accreditation Process (EIAC-GD-GEN-004) pulished in the website, all findings raised during the assessment must be addressed and closed by the lab before the accreditation officially transit to ISO/IEC 17043:2023.</p>	Applicant/Accredited proficiency testing providers	as per EIAC Guidance for Accreditation Process (EIAC-GD-GEN-004)
Accreditation certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following sucessful transition decision, all accreditation certificate will be updated with reference to ISO/IEC 17043:2023. 	EIAC	7 th May 2026
	<p>Proficiency testing providers that have not successfully transferred their accreditation certificate by 7th May 2026; are subjected to not being recognized by ILAC.</p>	Accredited Proficiency testing providers	7 th May 2026 onwards