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S. No.	Page No.	Clause No.	Date of Amendment	Amendment	Reasons	Signature QA Team	Signature of Competent authority
1.	15	Appendix A, S. No. N	10-Feb-2020	Typographical error corrected	Typographic error	-Sd-	-Sd-
2.	5	5.1	30-Apr-2020	Clarification in Policy for use of NABL symbol	Comments received from CABs during lab conclave, through various emails and meeting at secretariat.	-Sd-	-Sd-
3.	5	5.3		Included the information regarding applicability of ILAC MRA Mark and condition when permission will not be granted.	In line with requirements of ILAC R7		
4.	6	6.2		Clarification in Policy for use of NABL symbol	Comments received from CABs during lab conclave, through various emails and meeting at secretariat.		
5.	6	6.7		Clarification included about symbol not permitted	Comments received from CABs during lab conclave, through various emails and meeting at secretariat.		
6.	9	8.6		NABL activity shifted to clause 5.3	In line with requirements of ILAC R7		
7.	11	10		'NABL' word included	Internal review		
8.	14	Appendix A, condition B		Following statement deleted 'NABL Accredited CAB shall use NABL Accredited CAB Combined ILAC MRA Mark in economies where the ILAC MRA Mark is registered, or where an application for registration has been lodged and registration is pending	In line with requirements of ILAC R7		
9.	3	1	03-Sep-2024	Updated the reference of latest ILAC P8	In line with latest publication of ILAC P8	-Sd-	-Sd-
10.	3	2		Reference to digital endorsement of reports/ certificates is added			

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1. Introduction

An accredited Conformity Assessment Body {Testing Laboratory / Medical testing Laboratory / Calibration Laboratory / Proficiency Testing Provider (PTP) / Reference Material Producer (RMP)} can make reference to its accreditation status in the test report / certificate, medical test report / certificate, calibration certificate / report, PT report and RM document.

Accreditation entitles the CABs to endorse the relevant document by using the NABL symbol and / or claim of accreditation, in accordance with NABL policy. Such endorsed documents can enjoy wide acceptance nationally and also internationally through the APAC and / or ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA).

Endorsed reports or certificates means reports and certificates bearing NABL symbol and/or by using appropriate words referencing the CAB's accreditation in accordance with prescribed procedures and rules and irrespective of the mechanism used for applying the 'endorsement' (e.g. digital, stamp, etc).

Use of the Accredited CAB Combined ILAC MRA Mark on endorsed CAB reports reinforces such acceptance. ILAC is the owner of the ILAC MRA Mark and has licensed the use of the ILAC MRA Mark to NABL in accordance with the terms of the ILAC MRA Mark Agreement, pursuant to which NABL has developed the NABL Accredited CAB Combined ILAC MRA Mark.

2. Scope

This document specifies NABL policy and the Instructions for–

- 2.1 Use of NABL Symbol and / or Claim of Accreditation by NABL Accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies. The policy has been established in line with ILAC-P8:11/2023 'ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement (Arrangement): Supplementary Requirements for the Use of Accreditation Symbols and for Claims of Accreditation Status by Accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies". This document sets out the conditions for the use of NABL Symbol and also details NABL policy on any claim of accreditation by CABs apart from the use of NABL symbol.
- 2.2 Use of NABL Accredited CAB Combined ILAC MRA Mark developed in line with ILAC-R7:05/2015 "Rules for the Use of the ILAC MRA Mark".

3. NABL Logo

- 3.1 Pictorial representation of NABL logo is depicted below:



- 3.1.1 NABL logo is confined for the use by NABL only.

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4. NABL Symbol

4.1 **For Testing Laboratory:** Pictorial representation of NABL symbol to be used by NABL accredited testing laboratory is depicted below, where TC-XXXX is the Accreditation Certificate Number:



TC- XXXX

4.2 **For Calibration Laboratory:** Pictorial representation of NABL symbol to be used by NABL accredited Calibration laboratory is depicted below, where CC-XXXX is the Accreditation Certificate Number:



CC- XXXX

4.3 **For Medical Testing Laboratory:** Pictorial representation of NABL symbol to be used by NABL accredited medical testing laboratory is depicted below, where MC-XXXX is the Accreditation Certificate Number:



MC- XXXX

4.4 **For Proficiency Testing Provider (PTP):** Pictorial representation of NABL symbol to be used by NABL accredited PTP is depicted below, where PC-XXXX is the Accreditation Certificate Number:



PC- XXXX

4.5 **For Reference Material Producers (RMP):** Pictorial representation of NABL symbol to be used by NABL accredited RMP is depicted below, where RC-XXXX is the Accreditation Certificate Number:

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RC- XXXX

Note: Accreditation Certificate number shall be provided by NABL to accredited CAB.

5. POLICY

5.1 For use of NABL Symbol

Use of NABL symbol is mandatory for the parameters / tests covered under NABL accredited scope on all the test report / certificate, medical test report / certificate, calibration certificate / report, PT report and RM document issued by NABL Accredited CAB. Narrative reference to accredited status in place of NABL symbol is not acceptable in test reports / calibration certificates / PT report / RM document.

NABL accreditation is location specific. The accreditation claim shall be related only to the specific CAB location that is covered under the NABL scope of accreditation, and not with any other non-accredited locations.

Separate report/certificate be issued for non-accredited parameters. Asterisk mark or any other symbol is not allowed / not permitted to use in the report / certificate containing accredited parameters. (The intent of the para is to avoid misuse of NABL symbol and not to mislead customers about accreditation status. So, NABL symbol was not allowed/ not permitted in pages and/or part of a report/certificate where non accredited parameters occur).

5.2 For Claim of accreditation

Accredited CAB can claim accreditation in narrative reference also. Where the claim of accreditation is made in a narrative reference to accredited status in publicity material, it shall be accompanied by the 'Accreditation Certificate number'.

For example, in case of testing laboratory, it shall be as

- NABL accredited testing laboratory vide certificate number TC-XXXX
- Accredited by NABL vide Certificate number TC-XXXX
- ISO/IEC 17025 Accredited Testing Laboratory by NABL vide Certificate number TC-XXXX

The claim of accredited status is not to be done on any report / certificate / document which contains non-accredited parameters.

5.3 For use of NABL Accredited CAB Combined ILAC MRA Mark

NABL Accredited CAB {Testing Laboratory / Medical testing Laboratory / Calibration Laboratory / Proficiency Testing Provider (PTP)} wishing to use 'NABL Accredited CAB Combined ILAC MRA Mark' shall obtain approval in writing from NABL and agree to the rules for the use of the Accredited CAB Combined ILAC MRA Mark.

The NABL accredited CAB shall use the NABL Accredited CAB Combined ILAC MRA Mark only after getting written permission from NABL. If any NABL accredited CAB wishes to use the NABL Accredited CAB Combined

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