



Accreditation of laboratories

**Stakeholders Meeting
2 March 2020**

Articles 37.4.e, 93.3 and 100.2

Official laboratories, EURLs and NRLs shall:

- *operate in accordance with the standard **EN ISO/IEC 17025** and be accredited in accordance with that standard (...)*

The scope of the accreditation:

- *shall include those methods of laboratory analysis, test or diagnoses required to be used by the laboratory for analyses, tests or diagnoses, when it operates as an official laboratory, EURL, NRL;*



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Articles 37.2 & 100.1

Possible to designate as an **official laboratory/NRL** a laboratory located in another Member State or in an EEA country.

Conditions:

- 1. The laboratory is already designated as official by the CA of the MS on whose territory it is located*
- 2. There are arrangements in place to perform audits on the said lab: either by the CA of the MS designating the lab as official or by the MS on whose territory the lab is located*



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Article 37. 5, 100.2 & 93.3

Scope of accreditation could comprise groups of methods + be defined in a flexible manner, for OL, NRL and EURL

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Article 40

- (i) detection of *Trichinella* in meat
- (ii) laboratories which only carry out other official activities



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Articles 42 and 100.2 (OL & NRL)

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Temporary derogation when

- the use of the method is newly required
- changes to a method require a new or extended accreditation
- the need for the use of the method results from an emergency situation or an emerging risk



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Delegated Act Article 41

Commission is empowered to establish the cases and conditions under which competent authorities may designate **official laboratories** even though they do not fulfil the conditions of accreditation



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Questionnaire

- Sent to MS and EURLs
- 16 responses from MS, 46 from EURLs
- Addresses these flexibilities and cases under which the DA in article 41 would be needed

- Cases mentioned include:
 - Unfrequently used methods
 - Exotic diseases
 - Large number of pest-host/matrix combination
 - Where multi residue methods are used
- **Commission is evaluating the responses and assessing the cases that could fall under this Article**



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Any questions?