***INAB Transition plan for ISO17025:2017 – March 2018.***

**Introduction and scope:**

The standard ISO/IEC 17025:2017 “General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories” was published on 30 November 2017. Standard ISO/IEC 17025:2017 directly replaces ISO/IEC 17025:2005.

The International Laboratory Accreditation Co-operation (ILAC) has decided there will be a transition period of 3 years for the transition from ISO/IEC 17025:2005 to ISO/IEC 17025:2017, in other words until 30 November 2020.

This communication is applicable to all applicant and accredited testing and calibration laboratories.

INAB will issue a revised accreditation certificate and scope of accreditation following a successful assessment according to ISO17025:2017 and after the Manager of INAB has taken a positive decision in that respect.

If the laboratory has not successfully completed their transition to ISO17025:2017 before 30 November 2020, then the existing accreditation for ISO17025:2005 will be withdrawn, on this date

**If you have any further queries, please contact your INAB officer.**

**INAB Transition Arrangements and key dates:**

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| 1 | **New applications to ISO 17025:2017** | From July 2018  Pre-assessment/ Assessment from November 2018 |
| 2 | **Existing accreditations to ISO 17025:2005** |  |
|  | 1. **If your surveillance visit is due Jan-June 2019** | Option to have visit to ISO 17025:2017 |
|  | 1. **If your surveillance visit is due Jan-June 2019** | Option to have visit to ISO 17025:2005 |
|  | 1. **If your surveillance visit is due June 2019 onwards** | Visit will be to ISO 17025:2017 |

**Laboratory Transition Plan:**

In order to facilitate a smooth transfer to the new standard, INAB requests existing accredited laboratories to submit a transition action plan to their INAB accreditation officer before **1st November 2018**. At minimum the plan should include:

* Changes identified within the laboratories own quality system.
* Details of specific actions planned to implement any changes necessary.
* The timeframe for completion of such actions.
* The persons responsible for the actions.
* Process in place to monitor progress and completion of the actions.
* Staff training on ISO 17025:2017.
* Confirmation on which option above is selected (2a, b, c)

**Some useful presentations / information on ISO17025:2017**



