



Q: Will vendors that are UKAS accredited be recognized by INAB?

A: An accredited client is ultimately responsible for determining and evaluating vendor requirements, suitability and acceptance. If the vendor requirement necessitates an accredited certificate, then accreditations issued by EA/ILAC/IAF signatories are accepted

Q: Fridge service engineers use probes calibrated in UKAS labs. Is this calibration still valid in 2021?

A: Calibrations issued by UKAS accredited laboratories are recognised under the multi-lateral agreements

Q: What the security implications are for proficiency testing supply?

A: All business, including laboratories should evaluate their supply chain to ensure that critical supplies are received without undue delay

Q: Are extensions to scope are currently suspended under current covid-19 restrictions?

A: INAB is keeping COVID-19 developments under active review and progressing business critical extensions to scope as priority

Q: Do INAB have any plans to include ISO 22301 Business Continuity in their scope? Currently as an Irish CAB we have this with UKAS. Thank you.

A: Yes INAB can examine this standard and source suitable assessors, if applications are submitted at least 6 months in advance of any planned assessment

Q: Our Proficiency Testing provider is an accredited UK based organisation. Is it acceptable to continue to use their services up until 2022 given that they continue as EA members until that date?

A: Once the Proficiency Testing provider is accredited by a signatory to the EA/ILAC multi-lateral agreements then this is accepted. UKAS membership of ILAC is unaffected by Brexit and it is expected that membership of EA will continue beyond 2022



Q: Is there a list of BRC & FSSC 22000 auditors in Ireland?

A: INAB has currently 1 certification body accredited to certify to the FSSC 22000 standards. Details may be found on our website here <https://www.inab.ie/Directory-of-Accredited-Bodies/Certification-Bodies/Management-Systems-Certification/>

Q: Our calibration house is UK based and is UKAS accredited - will the certs be valid going forward - thanks

A: An accredited client is ultimately responsible for determining and evaluating vendor requirements, suitability and acceptance. If the vendor requirement necessitates an accredited certificate, then accreditations issued by EA/ILAC/IAF signatories are accepted

Q: Can you clarify, please, can we use UK Proficiency Testing services? Are they covered by multi-lateral agreements (MLAs)?

A: Once the PT provider is signatory to the EA/ILAC multi-lateral agreements then this is accepted. UKAS membership of ILAC is unaffected by Brexit and it is expected that membership of EA will continue beyond 2022

Q: ISO certificate is accredited by UKAS, will this remain valid?

A: Further detail is needed here to understand which ISO standard is referenced and the basis for accreditation; please contact us at <https://www.inab.ie/Contact-Us/>

Q: Post 1st January 2021 will UK lab test reports, be they accredited or not, be acceptable for Irish material producers for their CE marking

A: There is a comprehensive Q&A document on the website of Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage which can assist with this question https://www.housing.gov.ie/sites/default/files/publications/files/faqs_construction_industry_preparing_for_the_end_of_the_brexit_transition_period.pdf

Q: What will be INAB's position be with respect to welding certification that has been qualified by a UKAS accredited RTPO. Will the testing need to be repeated or can an INAB accredited RTPO accept and attest the certification, rather than repeating the test

A: As an INAB client, this detail will be discussed directly with your assessment manager. Please contact us via the *Accreditation Queries* function on the CRM portal



Q: What is the situation re UKAS certs for ISO Management systems re 9001, 45001, 14001? Can we recognise these in Ireland

A: Once the management systems certification body is accredited by a signatory to the EA/IAF multi-lateral agreements then this is accepted. UKAS membership of International Accreditation Forum (IAF) is unaffected by Brexit and it is expected that membership of European Cooperation for Accreditation (EA) will continue beyond 2022

Q: Thoughts on GDPR implications with referred Irish patient samples to UK Labs please?

A: Compliance with GDPR regulations and impacts are a matter for the organisation itself. Further information may be found on the website of the Data Protection Commission

Q: Will be Proficiency Testing (PT) from FAPAS recognized by INAB as relevant source of PT analysis (as a part of accreditation of analytical method)

A: Once the Proficiency Testing provider is a signatory to the European Cooperation (EA)/International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) multi-lateral agreements then this is accepted. UKAS membership of ILAC is unaffected by Brexit and it is expected that membership of EA will continue beyond 2022

Q: Clarity on extensions to scope, is the previous process of ETS by correspondence still in force?

A: INAB utilise a suite of processes to assess extension to scope applications. Further detail can be provided by the assessment manager

Q: Will UKAS accredited referral laboratories be an acceptable accreditation?

A: An accredited client is ultimately responsible for determining and evaluating referral laboratory requirements, suitability and acceptance. If the referral laboratory requirement necessitates an accredited certificate, then accreditations issued by EA/ILAC/IAF signatories are accepted

Q: Are UK system 3 product notified laboratories no longer acceptable after 1st January 2021 and do producers have to find a EU 27 notified laboratory?

A: Any UK based notified body is no longer recognised from 1st January 2021