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CAB Accreditation Policy Document

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1.1	Purpose:	
1.1.1	The purpose of this policy is to ensure that ACCAB accreditation applicants have suitable guidelines for defining flexible scope.	
1.2	Scope:	
1.2.1	Testing or calibration laboratories and products certification bodies can be accredited for the flexible scope.	
1.2.2	Application of the flexible scope does not cover implementation of the new measurement principles.	
1.2.3	The flexible scope option is only available to laboratories accredited in the biological, chemical and forensics fields of testing.	
1.3	Definitions:	
	NIL	
1.4	Details:	
1.4.1	The request for grant of flexible scope by testing or calibration laboratories and products certification bodies in the ACCAB regime shall be made not before the first surveillance assessment.	
1.4.2	ACCAB has defined following degrees of flexibility of accreditation scope:	
1.4.2.1	For laboratories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application of the updated versions of the documents defining the tests/ calibration methods or the documents superseding them; 2. Adoption of the tests/ calibration methods to the customer needs (application of the method for other objects that are not indicated in the scope of accreditation). 	
1.4.2.2	For product certification bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application of the updated versions of the documents defining the technical requirements or of the documents superseding them; 2. Supplement of the groups of the products by the products typical to the group, requirements for which are defined by the documents that are not indicated in the accreditation scope. 	
1.5	References:	
1.5.1	Details	Document Number
	NIL	