



EA requirements for flexible scopes of accreditation

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Feed back from EA



No need for any provision for phytosanitary testing needed, because most issues discussed in the EPPO document are already well covered by existing EA rules (e.g. EA 2-15)



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Reminder on the principles of flexible scope

To enable an accredited laboratory to assume responsibility for the management of all or part of its scope of accreditation without the necessity of a preliminary evaluation by the Accreditation Body for each new activity

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- Constraints

- Accreditation of flexible scope is not mandatory for an accreditation body
- Right to decide how to define the scope and whether or not to grant a flexible scope
- Not possible to allow the principle of flexibility for a field not following the same Standard.

- May be problematic in terms of regional harmonization
- Idem
- Should not cause any problem

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Responsibility of each laboratory to determine exactly what its requirements are, how it can approach this within the framework of the standard used for accreditation, and how it can demonstrate to its AB that this approach is fit for its intended use and capable of being maintained within control.

Need for a harmonized approach in the EPPO region

Point 5 Requirements for laboratories in EA 2-15 2008 covered by existing EPP0 recommendation?

Maintain a List of activities conducted under their flexible scope



Maintain a fully documented system for the proper management of the flexible scope and the subsequent updating of the List.



Responsibilities for the management of the flexible scope established

Updating of the List only after appropriate technical activities performed

Information on what is/can be covered by accreditation is transparent and accurate



Point 5 Requirements for laboratories in EA 2-15 2008

where can specific points of EPP0 doc be covered?

- Proficiency testing on method level rather than pest/method/matrix

- ????

- Level of validation

The necessary validation or verification according to the procedures established by the laboratory are carried out

- Confirmation of a diagnosis or diagnosis of unknowns

Not covered