Implementation of ISO/IEC 17025:2017 in the United Kingdom
EPPO Meeting - 9th-11th September 2019

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UKAS Timeline for Transition

Date	Milestone/Activity
30 November 2017	ISO/IEC 17025: 2017 issued
December 2017 to February 2018	UKAS preparation
1 March 2018	UKAS ready to start assessing to ISO/IEC 17025: 2017
1 March 2018 to 31 Dec 2018	Optional Stage: Labs can choose to be assessed to the 2017 version or remain with the 2005 version. In any case reports may highlight major deviations from the new standard
01 July 2018 onwards	Only applications to ISO/IEC 17025:2017 accepted
1 January 2019 onwards	All initial assessments will be to ISO/IEC 17025: 2017
1 January 2019 onwards (assessment visits should be completed by 31 May 2020)	Mandatory Stage: All assessments will be to ISO/IEC 17025: 2017
1 December 2020	Accreditations to ISO/IEC 17025: 2005 cease to be valid. Laboratories that have not transitioned to the 2017 version by this date will no longer be able to claim accreditation for their test or calibration results.

UKAS Approach to Transition

- Plant Health Laboratory transition assessments all in 2019
- Completion of a UKAS Transition Template that is an ‘assessment readiness’ gap analysis
- Proforma identifies where changes have been made to ISO/IEC 17025 and whether major or minor
- Laboratory considers the extent and impact of the changes for them and records actions to meet requirements
- UKAS review changes and customer’s revised documents remotely before surveillance or reassessment visit

Transition Template ‘gap analysis’ form

ISO/IEC 17025:2017 Transition Template

ISO/IEC 17025:2017		ISO/IEC 17025:2005		EXTENT OF CHANGE	TO BE COMPLETED BY LABORATORY	TO BE COMPLETED BY UKAS ASSESSORS
CLAUSE		RELATED CLAUSE(S)			CHANGES MADE & DOCUMENTATION SUPPLIED	COMMENTS ON COMPLIANCE & REF TO FINDINGS
					All trainers and section managers have been made aware of and given an update on the changes (see document XYZ-001 attached)	
1.2	Independence (Example)	2.2	Independence (Example)	Minor	Review of the new standard identified the change to be that relationships with third parties must now be formally documented. This was in place already within our organisation and is documented in QM-1001 page 5.	Comments: Finding Ref:

For UKAS Assessors:

After reviewing the information and documentation supplied by the Laboratory and completing the assessment to confirm appropriate implementation, you should place your comments regarding the Laboratory’s conformity with the new requirements in this template, which forms the report for the transition. The level of comments provided should be similar to that provided in an assessment report. If any findings are raised relating to new or changed requirements these should be recorded in the IAR as normal but then cross-referenced in this template.

An Executive Summary and Recommendation on transition of accreditation to ISO/IEC 17025:2017 must be included at the end of this template.

Key - Extent of Change:

- **Structural** – Requirement remains the same but is under a new clause number
- **Minor** – Wording of the requirement has changed but overall intent is consistent
- **Major** – Changes will require the CAB to implement new or change existing practice
- **New** – New requirement(s)/concept(s) not in previous version of the standard

UKAS Approach to Transition

- Effectiveness of changes is verified on site at scheduled visit
- Understanding of the new Standard assessed
- Any non-conformance raised as a mandatory finding under a Transition project
- Any common non-conformances under both versions of the Standard were recorded under the surveillance/reassessment project

General trends in laboratory implementation

- **Areas of non-conformance**
- Impartiality risk evaluations on an on-going basis
- Recording equipment software on equipment records and ensuring verification of new versions
- Reporting (of conformity statements)
- Training of staff on changes

- Risks and opportunities have been evaluated and mitigating actions are generally in place
- Many structural and minor changes posed little issues

- Laboratories are on track to be transitioned well before the deadline

Thank you for listening

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