

Dear ILAC Members

The ILAC Inspection Committee (IC) is submitting the document titled ILAC PXX:XX/201X “*Application of ISO/IEC 17020:2012 for the Accreditation of Inspection Bodies*” to all ILAC members for a 60 day comment period. All ILAC members are eligible to submit comments on this document.

Following the publication of the standard ISO/IEC 17020:2012, the working group WG1 of the ILAC Inspection Committee was tasked with the preparation of an application document to ISO/IEC 17020:2012 for the purpose of harmonising the application of the standard by accreditation bodies and to assist the implementation of the standard by inspection bodies. The attached clean version circulated for this 60 day comment period has been produced by the WG 1 following two rounds of comments by the IC members. The tracked version included in the 60 day comment package for your information highlights only those changes made as a result of the second IC comment period. It should also be noted that the attached clean copy includes some editorial changes to bring it into line with the ILAC P document house style.

At the conclusion of the 60 day comment period, the WG1 will consider the comments received and revise the document as appropriate. A decision will then be made as to whether a further comment period is required, or if the document can proceed to the 30 day ballot (vote) stage.

The documents can be accessed via the Members Area of the ILAC Website (www.ilac.org), under ILAC Comments. The zip file contains the following three documents:

- ILAC PXX:XX/201X clean numbered.docx
- Copy of the tracked changed previous version commented by the IC
- ILAC Comment and Observations Template

Please note the documents include line numbers to ensure you can easily identify, in the comments table, the section of the documents that your comments specifically relate to. **Please ensure you use the line numbers when submitting your comments. Any comments not received in the appropriate format will be returned to the sender with a request to supply the information in the manner requested.**

The 60 day comment period closes on **12 December 2013**, so could all members please forward their comments prior to this date, to the ILAC Secretariat, by email: ilaccomments@nata.com.au .

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