

Dear ILAC Members

The ILAC Accreditation Committee (AIC) is submitting the document, titled ILAC P9:2013 Draft "*ILAC Policy for Participation in Proficiency Testing Activities*" to all ILAC members for a 60 day comment period. All ILAC members are eligible to submit comments on this document.

This revision of ILAC P9 was prepared primarily to clarify that proficiency testing may be used in some types of inspection as per the information provided by the ILAC Inspection Committee. In addition some updates to the reference to the Proficiency Testing Working Group of the AIC and the standards have also been made.

At the conclusion of the 60 day comment period, the AIC 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_P9_2013_draft_tracked and updated.docx
- ILAC_P9_2013_draft_clean_copy_numbered.docx
- ILAC Comment and Observations Template

Please note the clean version of this document includes the line numbers to ensure you can easily identify, in the comments table, the section of the document 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 **28 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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