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SUBJECT: Approval for use of the ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) Mark, NIST Handbook 150:2016, Annex E

NVLAP has obtained approval from the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) for use of the ILAC MRA Mark under the *Rules for the Use of the ILAC MRA Mark, ILAC-R7:05/2015*. This approval now allows NVLAP to grant permission for its laboratories to use the Accredited Laboratory Combined ILAC MRA Mark for accreditation activities covered by the scope of NVLAP's ILAC MRA signatory status. Presently, this includes all the NVLAP Laboratory Accreditation Programs (LAP) except the Voting System Testing LAP. The combined ILAC MRA Mark will not be available for accreditation activities covered by the scope of the Voting System Testing LAP.

Under the terms of the rules, NVLAP has established its policy and procedure for use of the Accredited Laboratory Combined ILAC MRA Mark in NIST Handbook 150:2016, Annex E. To download your copy of Handbook 150:2016, please visit the NVLAP web site at http://www.nist.gov/nvlap/upload/nist-handbook-150.pdf.

Following is an example taken from E.7 of Annex E.

Use of the combined ILAC MRA Mark is optional. Laboratories that wish to obtain approval for use of the combined mark must complete an application request form (available on the NVLAP website at http://www.nist.gov/nvlap and provide the additional supporting information. NVLAP's written approval must be issued to the applicant prior to any use.

Please contact the NVLAP Quality Manager at nvlap@nist.gov if you have any questions about Annex E requirements or information regarding a request for permission to use the Accredited Laboratory Combined ILAC MRA Mark.

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