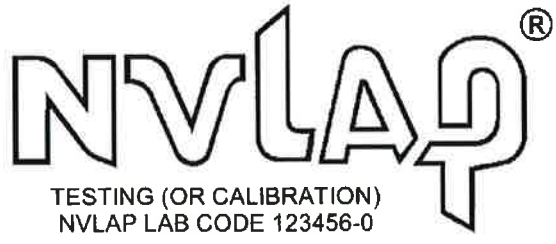
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The purpose of this Policy Guide is to identify an implementation plan for the revision to the requirements for referencing NVLAP accreditation as found in the NIST Handbook 150, Annex A. The revisions to Annex A were published in the 2016 edition of NIST Handbook 150, *NVLAP Procedures and General Requirements*, which supersede and replace the 2006 edition. (Reference: Memorandum for NVLAP Laboratories and Assessors, July 1, 2016) 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>.

Of particular note, NVLAP would like to call attention to the added requirement regarding reference to a laboratory's accredited status. In addition to the lab code, an accredited laboratory must now also identify its type of accredited activity, i.e., testing or calibration, when referencing its accredited status. Following is an example taken from A.11 of Annex A.



Due to the nature of the changes relating to referencing NVLAP accreditation, NVLAP has established a 90-day period from publication of this policy guide, by October 1, 2016, for implementation of the changes to referencing your accredited status.

Please contact your Program Manager if you have any questions about the revisions of the Annex A accreditation requirements or the schedule for implementation.

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