

**Announcement of Bureau of Laboratory Accreditation,
Department of Science Service**

Subject: ISO/IEC 17025: 2017 transition period extended

As a result of the ILAC referendum held in May 2020, ISO and ILAC have revised and re-issued the 2017 joint Communique that accredited laboratories can provide to clients to demonstrate that both the 2005 and 2017 versions of ISO/IEC 17025 remain valid until 1 June 2021.

This extension to the transition period has been adopted due to the global impact of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak and subsequent health and safety measures implemented by most economies. The extension will ensure all accreditation bodies and the accredited laboratories are able to achieve the remaining transitions in a robust manner. <https://ilac.org/about-ilac/partnerships/international-partners/iso/>

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