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ASSESSOR CHECKLIST: GENERAL CRITERIA (ISO/IEC 17025)

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(Includes the TTLABS Advertising Policy and the TTLABS Measurement Traceability Policy requirements)

The following pages present a **summary** of the criteria from ISO/IEC 17025-2005, which is the basis for the TTLABS General Requirements for Accreditation of Laboratories in a checklist format. **The laboratory's policies and procedures must meet the full requirements of ISO/IEC 17025. Laboratories and assessors must refer to the actual standard for the definitive language of the requirements.**

If the ISO/IEC 17025 requirements include the need for a written policy, procedure or arrangement, that requirement statement in this checklist is shaded. Quality system documentation and supporting records must be available for the assessor's review.

The laboratory must complete the document reference identifiers in the checklist's second column (labeled "Reference"), place a tick mark in the yes (Y), no (N), or not applicable (NA) space for each checklist item and submit this checklist as part of the application for accreditation. This serves to help both the laboratory and the assessors prepare for the assessment and may save a significant amount of assessment time and cost. The appropriate "reference" must identify the document (quality manual, laboratory manual, SOPs, records, etc.), and include a 'locator' to facilitate identification of the appropriate portion(s) of the relevant document. This 'locator' may be in the form of a page number, section number, etc.

Additional requirements from the TTLABS Advertising Policy and the TTLABS Policy on Measurement Traceability are included at the end of this checklist.

Assessor Instructions: Review the laboratory's documented quality system to verify compliance with the applicable 17025 documentation requirements. Assess to verify that the documented quality system is indeed implemented as described. Record comments related to any requirement on the space provided. Assess the laboratory's technical competence to perform specific tests. Record comments related to tests on separate sheets and/or on the test method review matrix. All deficiencies must be identified and explained in the assessor deficiency report.

Laboratory Name: _____

Address: _____

Personnel Information (Names, Titles, and Responsibilities):

Technical Management: _____

Quality Manager: _____

Deputy QM: _____

Assessor: _____

**TTLABS General Requirements for Accreditation of Laboratories
Checklist**

To the best of my knowledge, all laboratory document references below as well as actual laboratory practice have been assessed for compliance with the relevant clauses of the TTLABS General Requirements for Accreditation of Laboratories. Any areas of noncompliance have been fully described in the Assessor Deficiency Report.

TTLABS Assessor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Requirement	Compliance			Reference	Comments [Reserved for TTLABS Assessor]
	Y	N	NA		
4. MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS					
4.1 Organization					
4.1.1 Legal responsibility					
4.1.2 Requirements of 17025, the needs of the customer, regulatory authorities or organizations providing recognition met					
4.1.3 Permanent facilities, sites away from its permanent facilities, temporary or mobile facilities					
4.1.4 Responsibilities of key personnel					
4.1.5 Laboratory requirements					
a) Managerial and technical personnel					
b) Undue internal and external pressures					
c) Confidential information and proprietary rights					
d) Policies and procedures to avoid involvement in inappropriate activities					
e) Organization and management structure					
f) Responsibility, authority and interrelationships of personnel					

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	Y	N	NA		
g) Supervision of testing and calibration staff					
h) Technical management					
i) Quality manager					
QM access to the highest level of management					
j) Deputies					
k) Achievement of objectives of management system					
4.2 Management system					
4.2.1 Appropriate management system					
Documented system					
Documentation communicated, understood, available, and implemented					
4.2.2 Quality manual					
Quality policy statement					
a) Laboratory management's commitment to good professional practice and to the quality of its testing and calibration in servicing its customers					
b) Management's statement of the laboratory's standard of service					
c) Purpose of management system					
d) Personnel concerned with testing and calibration activities within the laboratory familiarize themselves with the quality documentation and implement the policies and procedures in their work					

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	Y	N	NA		
e) Laboratory management's commitment to compliance with ISO/IEC 17025					
4.2.5 Reference to supporting procedures including technical					
Outline of documentation structure					
4.2.6 Roles and responsibilities of technical management and quality manager					
4.3 Document control					
4.3.1 General Procedures to control all management system documents					
4.3.2 Document approval and issue					
4.3.2.1 Reviewed and approval by authorized personnel					
Master list or an equivalent document control procedure					
4.3.2.2 a) Authorized editions					
4.3.2.2 b) Periodic review					
4.3.2.2 c) Invalid or obsolete documents					
4.3.2.2 d) Obsolete document retention					
4.3.2.3 Unique identification					
4.3.3 Document changes					
4.3.3.1 Review and approval of changes					
4.3.3.2 Identification of altered or new text					
4.3.3.3 Amendment of documents by hand					

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	Y	N	NA		
4.3.3.4 Changes in computerized document systems					
4.4 Review of requests, tenders and contracts					
4.4.1 Procedures for review of requests, tenders and contracts					
a) Requirements defined, documented and understood					
b) Capability and resources					
c) Appropriate method selection					
Differences resolved; acceptable to laboratory and customer					
4.4.2 Records of reviews					
4.4.3 Review of subcontracting					
4.4.4 Deviations from contract					
4.4.5 Amendment after work has commenced					
4.5 Subcontracting of tests and calibrations					
4.5.1 Competent subcontractor					
4.5.2 Customer notification and approval					
4.5.3 Laboratory responsibility					
4.5.4 Register of subcontractors					
4.6 Purchasing services and supplies					
4.6.1 Policy and procedure(s) for selection and purchasing of services and supplies					

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	Y	N	NA		
Procedures for purchase, reception and storage of reagents and laboratory consumable materials					
4.6.2 Verification of purchased supplies and reagents and consumable materials					
Compliance with specified requirements					
Records of actions taken to check compliance					
4.6.3 Purchasing documents- description of services and supplies ordered					
Purchasing documents technical review and approval					
4.6.4 Evaluation of suppliers					
4.7 Service to the customer					
Cooperation with customers					
4.8 Complaints					
Policy and procedure for resolution of complaints					
Records of complaints, investigations and corrective actions					
4.9 Control of nonconforming testing and/or calibration work					
4.9.1 Policy and procedures for nonconforming work					
a) Responsibilities and authorities for management of nonconforming work					
b) Evaluation of significance					
c) Immediate corrective action					
d) Customer notification, recall of work					

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e) Responsibility for authorizing the resumption of work					
4.9.2 Use of corrective action procedures given in 4.11					
4.10 Improvement					
Continual improvement of the effectiveness of the management system					
4.11 Corrective action					
4.11.1 General Policy , procedure, designated authorities for corrective action					
4.11.2 Cause analysis Investigation to determine root cause(s)					
4.11.3 Selection and implementation of corrective actions					
Appropriate to the magnitude and the risk of the problem					
Documentation and implementation of changes					
4.11.4 Monitoring of corrective actions					
4.11.5 Additional audits					
4.12 Preventive action					
4.12.1 Identification of improvements and potential sources of nonconformances					
Action plans					
4.12.2 Procedures for preventive actions					
4.13 Control of records					

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	Y	N	NA		
4.13.1 General					
4.13.1.1 Procedures for quality and technical records					
4.13.1.2 Record retention					
4.13.1.3 Security and confidentiality of records					
4.13.1.4 Procedures to protect and back-up electronic records					
4.13.2 Technical records					
4.13.2.1 Record content					
4.13.2.2 Observations, data and calculations					
4.13.2.3 Error correction					
4.14 Internal audits					
4.14.1 Periodic, in accordance with a predetermined schedule and procedure					
Scope of audit					
Quality manager responsibilities					
Trained, independent staff					
4.14.2 Corrective action, customer notification					
4.14.3 Internal audit records					
4.14.4 Follow-up audit activities					
4.15 Management reviews					

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	Y	N	NA		
4.15.1 Predetermined schedule and procedure; covers:					
suitability of policies and procedures;					
reports from managerial and supervisory personnel;					
outcome of recent internal audits;					
corrective and preventive actions;					
assessments by external bodies;					
results of interlaboratory comparisons or proficiency tests;					
changes in the volume and type of the work;					
customer feedback;					
complaints;					
recommendations for improvement					
other relevant factors					
4.15.2 Findings					

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	Y	N	NA		
5 TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS					
5.1 General					
5.1.2	Consideration of factors contributing to total uncertainty				
5.2 Personnel					
5.2.1	Competence of staff				
	Staff undergoing training				
	Personnel qualification				
5.2.2	Goals for education, training and skills of personnel				
	Policy and procedures for identifying training needs and providing training				
	Relevance of training program				
5.2.3	Employment status				
	Supervision of contracted and additional personnel				
5.2.4	Job descriptions				
5.2.5	Authorization of personnel				
	Personnel records				
5.3 Accommodation and environmental conditions					
5.3.1	Laboratory facilities				
	Environmental conditions				

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	Y	N	NA		
Documented technical requirements					
5.3.2 Monitoring, controlling and recording environmental conditions					
Stopping testing					
5.3.3 Effective separation between neighboring areas					
5.3.4 Access control					
5.3.5 Housekeeping					
5.4 Test and calibration methods and method validation					
5.4.1 General Use of appropriate methods and procedures					
Instructions on use and operation of all relevant equipment, handling, preparation					
Documents, data up to date and available					
Deviation from test and calibration methods					
5.4.2 Selection of methods Test and/or calibration methods meet customer needs					
Use of latest valid edition of standards					
Method selection when not specified by customer					
Laboratory-developed methods; customer notification					
Confirmation of capability					
Customer notification of inappropriate or out of date methods					

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	Y	N	NA		
5.4.3 Laboratory-developed methods Introduction of laboratory-developed methods					
Effective communication					
5.4.4 Non-standard methods Agreement with the customer					
Validation before use					
5.4.5 Validation of methods					
5.4.5.2 Fit for intended use					
Validation records					
5.4.5.3 Range and accuracy relevant to customers' needs					
5.4.6 Estimation of uncertainty of measurement					
5.4.6.1 Procedure to estimate uncertainty of measurement- calibration laboratories and testing laboratory performing its own calibrations					
5.4.6.2 Testing laboratories have and apply procedures for estimating uncertainty of measurement					
Components identified, reasonable estimation in cases where test method precludes rigorous, metrologically and statistically valid calculation of uncertainty					
Reporting of results					
5.4.6.3 Consideration of all uncertainty components					
5.4.7 Control of data					
5.4.7.1 Calculation and data transfer checks					

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	Y	N	NA		
5.4.7.2 Computers or automated equipment					
a) Software documentation and validation					
b) procedures for protecting data					
c) computers and automated equipment maintenance					
5.5 Equipment					
5.5.1 Furnished with sampling, measurement and test equipment required					
Equipment outside laboratory's permanent control					
5.5.2 Equipment, software capable of required accuracy					
Calibration programs					
Calibration before being placed into service					
5.5.3 Equipment operated by authorized personnel					
Up-to-date instructions on use and maintenance					
5.5.4 Unique identification of equipment					
5.5.5 Equipment records:					
a) identity of equipment and its software					
b) manufacturer's name, type identification, and serial number or other unique identification;					
c) initial checks (see 5.5.2);					
d) current location, where appropriate;					

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e) manufacturer's instructions, if available, or reference to their location;					
f) dates, results and copies of reports and certificates of all calibrations, adjustments, acceptance criteria, due date of next calibration;					
g) maintenance plan, where appropriate; maintenance carried out to date;					
h) any damage, malfunction, modification or repair to the equipment.					
5.5.6 Procedures for safe handling, transport, storage, use and planned maintenance					
5.5.7 Overloaded, mishandling, suspect, or defective equipment					
Isolation of out-of-service equipment					
Effect of defect or departure from specified limits on previous results					
5.5.8 Indication of calibration status					
5.5.9 Checking equipment that goes outside the direct control of the laboratory					
5.5.10 Intermediate checks					
5.5.11 Correction factors					
5.5.12 Safeguarding against adjustments					
5.6 Measurement traceability					
5.6.1 General Calibration of equipment before being put into service					

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	Y	N	NA		
Established program and procedure for calibration of equipment					
5.6.2 Specific requirements					
5.6.2.1 Calibration					
5.6.2.1.1 Calibration laboratories: traceability to the International System of Units (SI) (<i>Système international d'unités</i>)					
External calibration services					
Calibration certificate contents					
5.6.2.1.2 Calibrations that currently cannot be strictly made in SI units					
- use of certified reference materials					
- use of specified methods and/or consensus standards					
- Participation in interlaboratory comparisons					
5.6.2.2 Testing					
5.6.2.2.1 Requirements given in 5.6.2.1 applied for equipment with measuring functions used					
5.6.2.2.2 Where traceability of measurements to SI units is not possible and/or not relevant					
5.6.3 Reference standards and reference materials					
5.6.3.1 Reference standards					
Programme and procedure for calibration of reference standards					
Traceability of reference standards					
Use for calibration only					

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	Y	N	NA		
Calibration before and after adjustment					
5.6.3.2 Reference materials Traceable to SI units of measurement, or to certified reference materials					
5.6.3.3 Intermediate checks Defined procedures and schedules					
5.6.3.4 Transport and storage Procedures for safe handling, transport, storage and use of reference standards and reference materials					
A2LA Traceability Policy requirements (see pages 25-26)					
5.7 Sampling					
5.7.1 Sampling plan and procedures for sampling					
Availability of sampling plan and procedure at sampling location					
Appropriate statistical basis					
5.7.2 Deviations, additions or exclusions from sampling procedure					
5.7.3 Procedures for recording sampling data and operations					
5.8 Handling of test and calibration items					
5.8.1 Procedures for the transportation, receipt, handling, protection, storage, retention and/or disposal of test and/or calibration items					
5.8.2 System for identifying test and/or calibration items					

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	Y	N	NA		
5.8.3 Recording of abnormalities or departures from normal or specified conditions upon receipt					
Consultation with customer on abnormal samples					
5.8.4 Procedures and appropriate facilities for avoiding deterioration, loss or damage					
Handling instructions followed					
Maintenance, monitoring and recording of storage environmental conditions					
Security arrangements					
5.9 Assuring the quality of test and calibration results					
Quality control procedures					
Trend detection and application of statistical techniques					
Monitoring activities:					
a) regular use of certified reference materials and/or internal quality control using secondary reference materials					
b) participation in interlaboratory comparison or proficiency-testing programmes;					
c) replicate tests or calibrations using the same or different methods					
d) retesting or recalibration of retained items					
e) correlation of results for different characteristics of an item					

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Proficiency Testing Requirements for Accredited Testing and Calibration Laboratories The laboratory meets the applicable requirements of the TTLABS Proficiency Testing Requirements					
5.10 Reporting the results					
5.10.1 General Results reported accurately, clearly, unambiguously, objectively, in accordance with method(s)					
Reports include information requested by customer, necessary for interpretation of results, all information required by method(s) used					
Simplified reports for internal clients, written agreement with the client					
Availability of information listed in 5.10.2 to 5.10.4					
5.10.2 Test reports and calibration certificates:					
a) a title (e.g. "Test Report" or "Calibration Certificate");					
b) name and address of the laboratory, location where tests and/or calibrations were carried out					
c) unique identification of test report or calibration certificate (such as the serial number), and on each page an identification in order to ensure that the page is recognized as a part of the test report or calibration certificate, and a clear identification of the end of the test report or calibration certificate;					
d) name and address of the customer;					
e) identification of method(s) used;					

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f) description, condition, and unambiguous identification of item(s) tested or calibrated;					
g) date of receipt of the test or calibration item(s), date(s) of performance of test or calibration;					
h) reference to the sampling plan and procedures used					
i) test or calibration results with, where appropriate, units of measurement;					
j) name(s), function(s) and signature(s) or equivalent identification of person(s) authorizing test report or calibration certificate;					
k) statement to the effect that results relate only to the items tested or calibrated.					
5.10.3 Test reports					
5.10.3.1 Test reports- additional requirements:					
a) deviations from, additions to, or exclusions from test method, and information on specific test conditions					
b) where relevant, statement of compliance/non-compliance with requirements and/or specifications;					
c) where applicable, statement on the estimated uncertainty of measurement					
d) where appropriate and needed, opinions and interpretations (see 5.10.5)					
e) additional information which may be required by specific methods, customers or groups of customers					
5.10.3.2 Test reports containing the results of sampling- additional requirements					
a) date of sampling;					

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b) unambiguous identification of substance, material or product sampled (including the name of the manufacturer, the model or type of designation and serial numbers as appropriate);					
c) the location of sampling					
d) reference to sampling plan and procedures used;					
e) details of environmental conditions during sampling					
f) standard or other specification for the sampling method or procedure, and deviations, additions to or exclusions					
5.10.4 Calibration certificates					
5.10.4.1 Calibration certificates- additional requirements					
a) conditions (e.g. environmental) under which the calibrations were made					
b) uncertainty of measurement and/or a statement of compliance with an identified metrological specification					
c) evidence that measurements are traceable (see note 2 in 5.6.2.1.1).					
5.10.4.2 Statements of compliance					
5.10.4.3 Before and after results for adjustment or repair					
5.10.4.4 Recommendation on calibration interval					
5.10.5 Opinions and interpretations					
Basis documented, clearly identified					
5.10.6 Testing and calibration results obtained from subcontractors					
Clearly identified					

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	Y	N	NA		
Subcontractor results in writing or electronic					
Subcontractor certificate issued to contracting laboratory.					
5.10.7 Electronic transmission of results					
5.10.8 Format of reports and certificates					
5.10.9 Amendments to test reports and calibration certificates					
Complete new test report or calibration certificate					

LABORATORY REFERENCE TO TTLABS ACCREDITED STATUS – TTLABS ADVERTISING POLICY
(ADDENDUM TO THE ASSESSOR CHECKLIST: GENERAL CRITERIA)

(Effective April 30, 2004)

TTLABS-accredited laboratories are strongly encouraged to promote their TTLABS accreditation by using the “TTLABS Accredited” symbol.

It is the ethical responsibility of accredited and applicant laboratories to describe their accredited status in a manner that does not imply accreditation in areas that are outside their actual scope of accreditation or for other testing/calibration facilities not covered under TTLABS accreditation. Accredited laboratories or others are encouraged to advise TTLABS if a violation of this policy is discovered by actions of other parties.

While inclusion of the TTLABS symbol on test or calibration reports is not mandatory, only test or calibration reports bearing the TTLABS symbol can benefit from the acceptance established through mutual recognition agreements/arrangements among accreditation bodies, and only those calibration reports bearing the TTLABS symbol can be confirmed to meet the TTLABS Traceability Policy.

Unless otherwise specified, all requirements related to the use of the “TTLABS Accredited” symbol specified in this document also apply when making any other claims of TTLABS accreditation. The term "certificates and reports" includes calibration certificates and test reports.

Failure to comply with these requirements may lead to denial, suspension or revocation of accreditation and/or legal remedies.

(Note: Laboratories initially applying for TTLABS accreditation should indicate "NA" for all items on this checklist addendum for describing the accredited status but must sign the statement on the last page agreeing to abide by this advertising policy once accredited.)

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	Y	N	NA		
1.0 General Requirements					
1.1 The laboratory shall have a policy and procedure for controlling the use of the term “TTLABS” and the “TTLABS Accredited” symbol					
1.2 The “TTLABS Accredited” symbol shall not be used by a laboratory that is not TTLABS accredited.					
1.3 The “TTLABS Accredited” symbol shall not be used by applicants for TTLABS accreditation.					
1.4 The “TTLABS Accredited” symbol shall be used by a TTLABS accredited laboratory only under the name in which it holds TTLABS accreditation.					

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1.5 When promoting or providing proof of accreditation, accredited laboratories shall use the scope(s) of accreditation, as this document details the specific tests or calibrations which are accredited. The certificate shall be used for display purposes and may also accompany the scope.					
1.6 It is the responsibility of the laboratory to communicate this Advertising Policy and its requirements to the necessary corporate/marketing representatives to ensure that all requirements are met.					
2.0 Symbol Reproduction					
2.1 “TTLABS Accredited” symbol sheets are sent to all accredited laboratories, and an electronic version is available upon request.					
2.2 Where the TTLABS name and/or symbol are used by accredited laboratories, it shall always be accompanied by at least the word “accredited.”					
2.3 While there are no restrictions on the size and color of the “TTLABS Accredited” symbol reproduction, the symbol must maintain its form.					
2.4 The “TTLABS Accredited” symbol may be generated electronically provided that the prescribed formats and forms are retained.					
3.0 Use of the “TTLABS Accredited” symbol on Test/Calibration Reports					
3.1 Where the “TTLABS Accredited” symbol is used to endorse test or calibration results, it shall always be accompanied by the TTLABS certificate number(s).					
3.2 The “TTLABS Accredited” symbol may be displayed on all certificates and reports that contain exclusively results from calibrations and tests that have been carried out within the laboratory's official TTLABS Scope of Accreditation.					
3.3 The “TTLABS Accredited” symbol shall not be used on certificates and reports if none of the results presented are from tests or calibrations included on the TTLABS Scope(s) of Accreditation.					

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3.4 Where both accredited and non-accredited tests/calibrations are included on an endorsed report or certificate, non-accredited results shall be clearly and unambiguously identified as such. This can be done by placing an asterisk after each such result along with a footnote stating: <i>“The test/calibration results are not covered by our current TTLABS accreditation”</i> .					
3.5 On reports where results are reported within the field where accreditation exists but in a technology that is not included in the scope, they must be so indicated. (For example, if a laboratory is accredited in the Environmental Field for only wet chemistry and metals, any gas chromatographic data reported would need to be identified as non-accredited.)					
3.6 If the intent is to ensure that the client meets the requirements of the TTLABS Traceability Policy, the calibrations performed by a TTLABS accredited calibration laboratory must be included on the calibration laboratory's TTLABS Scope of Accreditation and the calibration certificate issued must contain the “TTLABS Accredited” symbol and the TTLABS certificate number.					
3.7 There shall be nothing in the reports, certificates or in any attachments or other materials which implies or may lead any user of the results or any interested party to believe that the work is accredited when it is not.					
4.0 Subcontracted Tests and Calibrations					
4.1 A TTLABS accredited laboratory may include the results of subcontracted tests or calibrations in its endorsed reports or certificates only if:					
4.1.1 The accredited laboratory has informed the client in writing of the proposed subcontracting and has obtained prior approval; and					

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4.1.2 The subcontractor is itself accredited by TTLABS or a TTLABS recognized MRA partner for the specific tests or calibrations concerned and the results have been included in the subcontracting laboratory's endorsed calibration or test report(s) submitted to the accredited laboratory. Any non-accredited subcontracted calibrations or tests shall be specified as noted in Section 3.4 of this policy.					
4.1.3 The subcontracted calibration or test results shall be clearly and unambiguously identified on the certificate or report.					
5.0 Opinions and Interpretations					
5.1 Where statements of opinions and interpretations are outside the Scope of Accreditation, the laboratory is required to include a disclaimer such as the following in the certificate or report: <i>“The opinions/interpretations expressed in this report are outside the scope of this laboratory's TTLABS accreditation.”</i>					
5.2 It is preferable, however, to express opinions and interpretations that are outside the Scope of Accreditation on a separate letter which is not part of the endorsed certificate or report and that does not carry the “TTLABS Accredited” symbol or other reference to TTLABS accreditation.					
6.0 Calibration Labels					
6.1 Calibration labels containing the “TTLABS Accredited” symbol may be affixed only to equipment that has been calibrated by the accredited calibration laboratory.					
6.2 Calibration labels containing the “TTLABS Accredited” symbol shall include at least the following information:					
6.2.1 The name of the accredited calibration laboratory or its TTLABS Certificate number;					
6.2.2 The instrument identification;					
6.2.3 The date of the current calibration;					

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6.2.4 Cross reference to the calibration certificate issued with respect to this calibration.					
7.0 Advertising, Publicity, and Business Solicitation					
7.1 Accredited laboratories may incorporate statements concerning their accreditation in publicity and/or advertising materials, including brochures and organization publications, technical literature, business reports, web sites and quotations or proposals for work.					
7.2 The use of the “TTLABS Accredited” symbol or other reference to TTLABS used to promote accreditation enhances the reputation and value of accreditation for all stakeholders. It is the responsibility of the accredited laboratories to ensure that there is no misrepresentation of the accreditation status and that the accreditation process is not brought into disrepute.					
7.3 The accreditation claim shall be related only to the testing or calibration that is covered under the TTLABS Scope of Accreditation, and not with any other activities in which the laboratory or its parent organization are involved.					
7.4 TTLABS accreditation is site specific. The accreditation claim shall be related only to the specific laboratory location that is covered under the TTLABS Scope of Accreditation, and not with any other non-accredited locations.					
7.5 In proposals or quotations, the accredited laboratory shall distinguish tests or calibrations that are covered under the TTLABS Scope of Accreditation from those that are not covered.					
7.6 Where the “TTLABS Accredited” symbol is printed on letterhead or other corporate stationery, such stationery shall not be used for work proposals, quotes, reporting of test or calibration results exclusively outside the TTLABS Scope of Accreditation, or certifying a product or other item.					

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	Y	N	NA		
7.7 The “TTLABS Accredited” symbol or accreditation claim shall not be affixed to a material, item or product (or related part, including packaging), or used to imply that an item or product has been certified.					
7.8 If the “TTLABS Accredited” symbol is included in literature relating to a product, the symbol must appear directly adjacent to the reference to the accredited calibration or testing laboratory and it must be clearly stated that inclusion of the symbol does not imply certification/approval of the products calibrated or tested.					
7.9 The “TTLABS Accredited” symbol shall not be displayed on business cards in a manner that might imply personnel certification.					
8.0 Misuse of the “TTLABS Accredited” Symbol or Accreditation Status					
8.1 Every circumstance where the principle of accurate representation applies cannot be anticipated and dealt with in this document. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the accredited and applicant laboratory representatives not to misrepresent their accredited status under any circumstances.					
8.2 If there are questions, the laboratory should submit intended uses of the symbol, draft advertisements, and/or any other accreditation claims to TTLABS Headquarters for advance review.					
8.3 Upon suspension or termination of accreditation, a laboratory must immediately cease to issue calibration certificates, test reports, and test certificates displaying the symbol and shall cease publishing documents containing the symbol					

TO BE SIGNED BY THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LABORATORY:

We understand and agree to abide by the requirements contained in the “Reference to TTLABS Accredited Status – TTLABS Advertising Policy” once our laboratory becomes TTLABS accredited.

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

TTLABS POLICY ON TRACEABILITY OF MEASUREMENT
(ADDENDUM TO THE ASSESSOR CHECKLIST: GENERAL CRITERIA)

(Effective April 2004)

Accredited laboratories are required to meet the following additional requirements contained in the TTLABS Policy on Measurement Traceability

Requirement	Compliance			Reference	Comments [Reserved for TTLABS Assessor]
	Y	N	NA		
TTLABS Policy on Traceability of Measurement					
T1. All calibrations and verifications of measuring and test equipment, reference standards, and reference materials shall be conducted by accredited calibration laboratories (in some instances an accredited testing laboratory may also be able to satisfy traceability requirements) or by a recognized national metrology institute.					
T2. Calibrations or verifications must be documented in a calibration certificate or report endorsed by a recognized accreditation body's symbol, or otherwise makes reference to accredited status.					
T3. Laboratories shall define their policy for achieving measurement traceability. This policy shall be in compliance with this policy document.					
T4. Where uncertainty calculations are applicable, testing and calibration laboratories shall calculate measurement uncertainty in accordance with the ISO "Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement." These uncertainties shall be supported by uncertainty budgets, and they shall be represented as expanded uncertainties typically using a coverage factor of k=2 to approximate the 95% confidence level. (Refer to TTLABS's <i>Interim Policy on Measurement Uncertainty for Testing Laboratories</i> , April 2004)					
T5. If a calibration certificate or report contains a statement of the measurement result and the associated uncertainty, then the uncertainty statement shall be accompanied by an explanation of the meaning of the uncertainty statement. (For example, "This uncertainty represents an expanded uncertainty expressed at approximately the 95% confidence level using a coverage factor of k=2.)					

Requirement	Compliance			Reference	Comments [Reserved for TTLABS Assessor]
	Y	N	NA		
T6. TURs shall be calculated using the expanded uncertainty of the measurement, not the “collective uncertainty of the measurement standards”.					
T7. Implicit uncertainty statements (generally expressed in terms of a TUR) shall be accompanied by words to the effect that the uncertainty ratio was calculated using the expanded measurement uncertainty. In addition the coverage factor and confidence level shall be stated.					
T8. Calibration reports and certificates issued by TTLABS-accredited calibration laboratories shall contain a traceability statement.					
T9. All in-house calibrations shall be supported by the following minimal set of elements:					
a) The in-house laboratory shall maintain documented procedures for the in-house calibrations and the in-house calibrations shall be evidenced by a calibration report, certificate, or sticker, or other suitable method, and calibration records shall be retained for an appropriate, prescribed time;					
b) The in-house laboratory shall maintain training records for calibration personnel and these records shall demonstrate the technical competence of the personnel performing the calibrations;					
c) The in-house laboratory shall be able to demonstrate traceability to national or international standards of measurement by procuring calibration services from accredited calibration labs or a national metrology institute;					
d) The in-house laboratory shall have and apply procedures for evaluating measurement uncertainty. Measurement uncertainty shall be taken into account when statements of compliance with specifications are made;					
e) Reference standards shall be recalibrated at appropriate intervals to ensure that the reference value is reliable. Policy and procedures for establishing and changing calibration intervals shall be based on the historical behavior of the reference standard.					