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**International Laboratory
Accreditation Cooperation**

MRA

Mutual Recognition Arrangement

**came into effect
on 31 January 2001**



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Signatories of the ILAC MRA are Accreditation Bodies

**Currently 48 Laboratory
Accreditation Bodies have signed**



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**In addition, the ILAC MRA
is built upon existing Regional
Recognition Arrangements**

such as:

- **EA:** *European co-operation
for Accreditation*
- **APLAC:** *Asia Pacific Laboratory
Accreditation Cooperation*



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**These are recognized Regions.
Some other recognitions are under
development with:**

- **IAAC: Inter-America
Accreditation Cooperation**
- **SADCA: Southern African
Development Cooperation
for Accreditation**



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✓ Accreditation Bodies are operating in accordance with ISO/IEC 17011

✓ Testing Laboratories are accredited according to the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025



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**Accreditation Bodies
which apply to participate
in the ILAC MRA
are evaluated**



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**The evaluation
is related to:**

- ✓ **Either a single Accreditation Body**
- ✓ **Or a Regional Group**



The evaluation process



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- ✓ Pre-evaluation
- ✓ Full evaluation



Initial Evaluation

Note: Pre-evaluation only for a single Accreditation Body

Maximum interval of four years

- ✓ Re-evaluation



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**The evaluations
are conducted**

by teams of qualified experts

**ILAC maintains the list of qualified
experts and the scope of their
qualification**