

**Recommendations made by the ACCREDIA Steering and Guarantee Committee relating to the definition of harmonized criteria for the verification of some requirements of the standard UNI CEI EN ISO/IEC 17025:2018, for the assessment and surveillance activities of accredited testing and calibration laboratories**

The following paragraphs taken from the standard UNI CEI EN ISO/IEC 17025:2018, briefly highlight the main references and definitions to be related to the recommendations made by the ACCREDIA Steering and Guarantee Committee.

Note: although some elements listed in this document are already clearly defined by the standard UNI CEI EN ISO 17025:2018, they are also referred to here as being of particular significance with respect to the issue of impartiality.

The requirements of the standard referred to, accompanied by the notes taken from it, refer mainly to the issue of conflicts of interest for accredited parties.

Below are some definitions and paragraphs of the standard UNI CEI EN ISO/IEC 17025:2018, which refer specifically to the topics covered in the document.

ref. ISO/IEC 17025	Definitions/Requirements
<b>1 Scope and field of application</b>	This document specifies the general requirements for the competences, impartiality and consistent operation of laboratories.
<b>3.1 Impartiality: Presence of objectivity.</b>	Note 1: <i>Objectivity means that conflicts of interest do not exist, or are resolved so as not to adversely influence subsequent activities of the laboratory.</i> Note 2: <i>Other terms that are useful in conveying the element of impartiality include "freedom from conflict of interests", "freedom from bias", "lack of prejudice", "neutrality", "fairness", "open-mindedness", "even-handedness", "detachment", "balance".</i> With respect to ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015, the word "independence" has been deleted from the list of Note 2.
<b>4.1 Impartiality</b>	
<b>4.1.1</b>	Laboratory activities shall be undertaken impartially and structured and managed so as to safeguard impartiality.
<b>4.1.2</b>	The laboratory management shall be committed to impartiality.
<b>4.1.3</b>	The laboratory shall be responsible for the impartiality of its laboratory activities and shall not allow commercial, financial or other pressures to compromise impartiality.

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4.1.4	<p>The laboratory shall identify risks to its impartiality on an on-going basis. This shall include those risks that arise from its activities, or from its relationships, or from the relationships of its personnel. However, such relationships do not necessarily present a laboratory with a risk to impartiality.</p> <p><i>Note: A relationship that threatens the impartiality of the laboratory can be based on ownership, governance, management, personnel, shared resources, finances, contracts, marketing (including branding), and payment of a sales commission or other inducement for the referral of new customers, etc.</i></p>
4.1.5	If a risk to impartiality is identified, the laboratory shall be able to demonstrate how it eliminates or minimizes such risk.
<b>6.2 Personnel</b>	
6.2.1	All personnel of the laboratory, either internal or external, that could influence the laboratory activities shall act impartially, be competent and work in accordance with the laboratory's management system.
6.3.4	<p>Measures to control facilities shall be implemented, monitored and periodically reviewed and shall include, but not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) access to and use of areas affecting laboratory activities;</li> <li>b) prevention of contamination, interference or adverse influences on laboratory activities;</li> <li>c) effective separation between areas with incompatible laboratory activities.</li> </ul>
6.3.5	When the laboratory performs laboratory activities at sites or facilities outside its permanent control, it shall ensure that the requirements related to facilities and environmental conditions of this document are met.
6.4.2	When the laboratory uses equipment outside its permanent control, it shall ensure that the requirements for equipment of this document are met.
7.1.7	The laboratory shall cooperate with customers or their representatives in clarifying the customer's request and in monitoring the laboratory's performance in relation to the work performed.
7.8.4.1	<p>... the calibration certificates shall include:</p> <p>...</p> <p>d) the results before and after any adjustment or repair, if available;</p> <p>...</p>
7.8.4.3	A calibration certificate or calibration label shall not contain any recommendation on the calibration interval, except where this has been agreed with the customer.

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7.8.7	When opinions and interpretations are expressed, the laboratory shall ensure that only personnel authorized for the expression of opinions and interpretations release the respective statement. The laboratory shall document the basis upon which the opinions and interpretations have been made.

The table below contains 7 columns:

- the first shows the sequential number;
- the second indicates calibration and/or LAB scheme to which the assessment of the identified risk is applicable. To make the scheme more evident, the table uses the green background for testing laboratories (LAB), blue for calibration laboratories (LAT) and white for both (LAT/LAB);
- the third indicates the reference paragraph of ISO/IEC 17025:2017;
- the fourth indicates the type of conflict (macro-category);
- the fifth contains examples;
- the sixth contains the enquiry modalities which can be implemented for verifying the conflict;
- the last one contains a summary of the admissibility or non-admissibility of the situation/activity for the purpose of the conflict of interest.

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1.	LAT/LAB	<b>1. Scope and field of application</b> This document specifies the general requirements for the competence, impartiality and regular and consistent operation of laboratories.	Self-interest in the use of accreditation.	Extension of the 'accredited' status to the member group, where the accredited party is indicated in the attachment to the certificate.	Verification of the website and publicity declarations.	Not admissible (ref. RG-09).  The reference to accreditation is reserved solely for the activities of the accredited party.

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2.	LAT/LAB	<p><b>4.1.1:</b> Laboratory activities shall be undertaken impartially and structured and managed so as to safeguard impartiality.</p>	Dependence and self-interest.	<p>The owner of the accreditation also carries out activities in potential conflict with laboratory activities.</p> <p>Example for calibration laboratories: production, repair, sale, technical assistance of the same measuring devices that the owner calibrates.</p> <p>Example for testing laboratories: design and construction of anti-pollution systems, site remediation, training, commercial intermediation, marketing.</p>	<p>Verification that all the activities and functions of the laboratory have been taken into consideration (e.g., Chamber of Commerce certificate, statute, etc.).</p> <p>Verification of company organization: independence of responsibilities and organization of data traceability and processing.</p> <p>Verification of contracts that may relate to multiple company functions and/or internal orders involving multiple sectors/departments of the company.</p>	<p>Admissible, provided that the organization provides for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>responsibilities</u> entrusted to specific and functionally independent personnel;</li> <li>- thorough checks on the traceability of data at all levels from acquisition to issuance of the calibration certificate/test report;</li> <li>- presence of the threat in the laboratory's risk analysis.</li> </ul>

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3.	LAB	<b>4.1.1:</b> Laboratory activities shall be undertaken impartially and structured and managed so as to safeguard impartiality.	Self-interest, lack of objectivity, with an impact on the results of analytical activities.	The sampling activity carried out by the laboratory was not identified as a potential risk.	Verify the risk analysis set by the laboratory and the countermeasures adopted.	It is not admissible that the risk related to the sampling carried out by the laboratory, whether accredited or not, is not considered, because it has a strong impact on the analytical outcome.
4.	LAT/LAB	<b>4.1.1:</b> Laboratory activities shall be undertaken impartially and structured and managed so as to safeguard impartiality.	Self-interest.	The group of which the owner of the accreditation is a member (also temporarily) carries out activities in potential conflict with those of the laboratory.  Example for calibration laboratories: production, repair, sale, technical assistance of the same measuring equipment that the laboratory calibrates.  Example for test laboratories: design and construction of anti-pollution systems, site remediation, training, commercial intermediation, merchandising.	Verification that the interrelationships with the activities of the other companies in the group have been taken into consideration.	Admissible, provided that it is managed with a risk analysis and the assignment to different personnel who are independent from the personnel of the owner of the accreditation.
5.	LAT/LAB	<b>4.1.1:</b> Laboratory activities shall be undertaken impartially and structured and managed so as to safeguard impartiality.	Self-interest.	Some customers determine, directly or indirectly, a significant revenue in the activity of the laboratory.	Verification of laboratory procedures and customer management (e.g., timelines).	Admissible, provided it is managed with a risk analysis.

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6.	LAT/LAB	<b>4.1.1:</b> Laboratory activities shall be undertaken impartially and structured and managed so as to safeguard impartiality.	Dependence, subcontracting.	The laboratory has contracted technical personnel linked to other companies.	Verification that all staff reports (organization chart, CVs and staff contracts) have been taken into account.	Admissible, provided it is managed with a risk analysis.
7.	LAT/LAB	<b>4.1.1:</b> Laboratory activities shall be undertaken impartially and structured and managed so as to safeguard impartiality.	Self-interest in the use of accreditation.	The laboratory uses intermediary companies for the sale of the accredited service.	Verification of contracts with intermediary companies, websites and publicity documents of the intermediary.	Admissible, provided that it is managed with a risk analysis and that the contracts prevent the intermediary company from using the accreditation of the laboratory as if it were its own (ref. RG-09).
8.	LAB	<b>4.1.1:</b> Laboratory activities shall be undertaken impartially and structured and managed so as to safeguard impartiality.	Self-assessment and conflict of interest between the official laboratory and self-assessment activities.	Official laboratories registered in the regional self-control lists perform tests for food sector operators.	Verification that specific measures have been adopted to ensure impartiality and the absence of conflict of interest in performing the tasks as official laboratories. Verification, in the transparency section of the respective websites, of the presence of the specific measures adopted. Verification that the human, structural and financial resources allocated to the activities performed as part of the	Admissible, provided that the specific measures provided for by Legislative Decree 27/2021 are adopted and such measures are reported in the transparency section of the site.

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					official control are distinct in terms of process from those used in the self-control activity, with different Centres of responsibility. (Ref. Legislative Decree 2 February 2021 n. 27).	
9.	LAT/LAB	<b>4.1.2:</b> The laboratory management shall be committed to impartiality.	Self-interest of the single party, self-assessment and activities incompatible with each other.	People in senior or responsible positions also carry out activities outside the laboratory, on a personal basis or for other companies, in potential conflict with the activities of the laboratory.	Verification that all personnel of the laboratory have been taken into consideration (organization chart, CVs and staff contracts).	Admissible on a voluntary basis, provided it is managed with a risk analysis.  Not admissible in a regulated sector (e.g., CPR).
10.	LAT/LAB	<b>4.1.2:</b> The laboratory management shall be committed to impartiality.	Self-interest not considered.	The laboratory management has not formalized a commitment to impartiality, nor does it review the results of the identification of risks.	Verification of the laboratory's policies, of the results of the identification of risks and of the results of the review of the management system.	Not admissible.
11.	LAT/LAB	<b>4.1.3:</b> The laboratory shall be responsible for the impartiality of its laboratory activities and shall not allow commercial, financial or other pressures to compromise impartiality.	Self-interest, self-assessment, familiarity.	Il laboratory is the property of one or more companies which are potential clients of the lab.  For example: the subsidiary holds a significant quota of the shares and is the main client of the laboratory.	Examination of Chamber of Commerce certificates, statute.  Evaluation of the organization chart and interrelationships for laboratories included within more complex structures (e.g., public	Admissible, provided that the risk assessment relating to the corporate structure of the laboratory is done.



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					laboratories, laboratories belonging to groups).	
12.	LAT/LAB	<b>4.1.3:</b> The laboratory shall be responsible for the impartiality of its laboratory activities and shall not allow commercial, financial or other pressures to compromise impartiality.	Self-interest.	One or more owners of the laboratory are also authorized to perform tests/calibrations and/or to issue test reports/calibration certificates.	Verification of the Chamber of Commerce profile and job description of the lab, management procedures of the sample/instrument.	Admissible, provided that the risk assessment is done and appropriate control procedures are adopted (e.g., supervision, automation, data entry/confirmation procedures).
13.	LAB/LAT	<b>4.1.3:</b> The laboratory shall be responsible for the impartiality of its laboratory activities and shall not allow commercial, financial or other pressures to compromise impartiality.	Self-interest, self-assessment, familiarity.	Internal laboratory of a production company, which carries out tests <u>only for the 'internal customer'</u> (same legal identity) and not on behalf of other companies belonging to different legal entities.	Chamber of Commerce profile examination: it is not necessary that the laboratory activities be specified.  Evaluation of the laboratory's independence from production (e.g., different Centres of responsibility highlighted in the organization chart).  Verification of the risk assessment set by the Laboratory and the countermeasures adopted.	Admissible, provided that the risk assessment relating to the inclusion of the laboratory in the company organization is done.  Not admissible for CPR.

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14.	LAB/LAT	<b>4.1.3:</b> The laboratory shall be responsible for the impartiality of its laboratory activities and shall not allow commercial, financial or other pressures to compromise impartiality.	Self-interests also towards competitors, self-assessment, familiarity.	Internal laboratory of a production company, which undertakes tests <u>not only</u> for the 'internal customer' (same legal identity) <u>but also</u> on behalf of other companies belonging to different legal entities.	<p>Chamber of Commerce profile examination: it is necessary that the laboratory activity is explicit, as it also performs activities on behalf of third parties.</p> <p>Evaluation of the laboratory's independence from production (e.g., different Centres of responsibility highlighted in the organization chart).</p> <p>Verification of the risk assessment set by the laboratory and the countermeasures adopted.</p> <p>Evaluation of the procedures for managing the sample of 'external' customers (e.g., anonymity, where applicable).</p>	<p>Admissible, provided that the risk assessment is done relating to the inclusion of the laboratory in the company organization and the procedures adopted for external customers.</p> <p>Not admissible for CPR.</p>
15.	LAT/LAB	<b>4.1.4:</b> The laboratory shall identify risks to its impartiality on an on-going basis. This shall	Self-interests not previously considered.	The laboratory changed its corporate structure while retaining the same employees, therefore it did not consider it necessary to update the risk assessment (e.g.,	Chamber of Commerce profile and risk assessment examination.	Failure to update the risk analysis is not admissible.

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		include those risks that arise from its activities, or from its relationships, or from the relationships of its personnel. However, such relationships do not necessarily present a laboratory with a risk to impartiality.		acquisitions, mergers, multisite organization of laboratories already individually accredited).		
16.	LAT/LAB	<b>4.1.4:</b> The laboratory shall identify risks to its impartiality <u>on an on-going basis</u> . This shall include those risks that arise from its activities, or from its relationships, or from the relationships of its personnel. However, such relationships do not necessarily present a laboratory with a risk to impartiality.	Self-interests not previously considered.	The laboratory also carries out other activities in addition to testing/calibration and has partnerships with potential customers.	Verification of the activities declared in the Chamber of Commerce profile, and on the website.  Verification that the risk analysis procedures include updating in accordance with the acquisition of new customers and/or the start of new activities.	Admissible, provided that the risk assessment is done and is updated on an ongoing basis.  Not admissible for CPR.

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17.	LAT/LAB	<b>4.1.5:</b> If a risk to impartiality is identified, the laboratory shall be able to demonstrate how it eliminates or minimizes such risk.	Absence of evaluation.	The laboratory performs exclusively testing/calibration activities and, for this reason, evaluates that there is no the risk of impartiality.	Verification of the management review and records relating to the input elements (identification of risks to impartiality).	It is not admissible that the laboratory, in consideration of the fact that it only carries out testing/calibration activities, does not do the impartiality risk assessment, which is a normative requirement.  It is admissible that, following evaluation, it considers this risk as minimized and/or possibly absent.
18.	LAT/LAB	<b>4.1.5:</b> If a risk to impartiality is identified, the laboratory shall be able to demonstrate how it eliminates or minimizes such risk.	Absence of evaluation.	The laboratory has not identified the risks to impartiality, nor has it analyzed how it eliminates or minimizes them.	Verification of management review and records relating to input elements (identification of risks to impartiality)	Not admissible, because it is a normative requirement.
19.	LAT/LAB	<b>6.2.1:</b> All personnel of the laboratory, either internal or external, that could influence the laboratory activities shall act impartially, be competent and work in accordance	Self-interest, self-assessment, familiarity.	The laboratory performs tests/calibrations for the internal customer or for companies with the same ownership as the laboratory using staff connected to them.  The laboratory did not map the possible risks deriving from links	Verification of contractual ties and interrelationships of laboratory and external personnel.  Verification of risk analysis in the case of personnel also linked to other companies.	Admissible, provided that the risk assessment is carried out and that the staff is linked to the laboratory through suitable and appropriate engagements/contracts.  Not admissible for CPR.

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		with the laboratory's management system.		with companies with the same ownership as the laboratory.		
20.	LAB	<b>6.2.1:</b> All personnel of the laboratory, either internal or external, that could influence the laboratory activities shall act impartially, be competent and work in accordance with the laboratory's management system.	Self-interest, familiarity.	The sample to be tested is owned by the performer of the test or an acquaintance.	Verification management procedures of the sample.	Admissible, provided staff are unaware of sample ownership (e.g., sample anonymity), where possible.  In all cases this situation must be considered in the risk assessment.  Not admissible for CPR.
21.	LAT/LAB	<b>6.2.1:</b> All personnel of the laboratory, either internal or external, that could influence the laboratory activities shall act impartially, be competent and work in accordance with the laboratory's management system.	Self-assessment.	The same person is authorized both to perform tests/calibrations and to issue test reports/calibration certificates, both of which are key roles within the laboratory.	Verification of laboratory job descriptions, management of sample and data control procedures.	It is admissible that the test/calibration activities and the issuance of test reports/calibration certificates are carried out by the same person, provided that adequate control procedures are implemented (e.g., supervision, high degree of automation, systematic control procedures).
22.	LAT/LAB	<b>6.2.1:</b> All personnel of the laboratory, either internal or external, that could influence the laboratory activities shall act impartially, be competent and work in accordance	Self-assessment and activities which are incompatible with each other.	In the case of a company laboratory, the manager of the laboratory reports to the production manager or the manager of the department which delivers the samples to be analyzed or which tests the instruments before calibration.	Verification of the organization chart and job descriptions.	Not admissible.

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23.	LAB	<b>6.2.1:</b> All personnel of the laboratory, either internal or external, that could influence the laboratory activities shall act impartially, be competent and work in accordance with the laboratory's management system.	Self-interest.	Persons who perform the test or sampling also have a contractual relationship with the party which requests the testing/sampling activities. (e.g., part-time laboratory staff, who in the remaining time carry out sampling independently and take the sample to the laboratory).	Verification of personnel with non-full-time contracts.  Verification of sample management procedures.	Admissible, provided adequate sample management procedures are implemented.  Not admissible for CPR.
24.	LAB	<b>6.2.1:</b> All personnel of the laboratory, either internal or external, that could influence the laboratory activities shall act impartially, be competent and work in accordance with the laboratory's management system.	Self-assessment and activities which are incompatible with each other.	In the case of a company laboratory, which performs the test, or which performs the sampling, or the laboratory manager also has engagements in the production department of the samples that are tested.	Verification of the organization chart and Job description document.	Not admissible.
25.	LAT	<b>6.2.1:</b> All personnel of the laboratory, either internal or external, that could influence the laboratory activities shall act impartially, be competent and work in accordance with the laboratory's management system.	Self-assessment and activities which are incompatible with each other.	The Centre has contracted technical personnel who work independently from the supervisor (e.g., technical operators who record calibration data at the customer's site).	Verification of contracts.	Admissible on condition that the Centre provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- effective training of operators;</li> <li>- control of activities;</li> <li>- countermeasures to tampering with the original data.</li> </ul>

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26.	LAT	<b>6.2.1:</b> All personnel of the laboratory, either internal or external, that could influence the laboratory activities shall act impartially, be competent and work in accordance with the laboratory's management system.	Self-assessment and activities which are incompatible with each other.	In the case of a company Centre, the head of production control of instrument is also the operator who calibrates the instrument or the person responsible for issuing the certificate.	Verification of the organization chart and job description document.	It is not admissible if the same person holds all three positions at the same time (head of production control, calibration operator and certificate issuing manager).
27.	LAT	<b>6.2.1:</b> All personnel of the laboratory, either internal or external, that could influence the laboratory activities shall act impartially, be competent and work in accordance with the laboratory's management system.	Self-assessment and activities which are incompatible with each other.	In the case of an authorized repair and/or technical assistance Centre, the operator performing the calibrations coincides with the operator carrying out the repair/technical assistance.	Verification of the organization chart and job description document. Verification of instrument control and management procedures.	Admissible provided that for calibration and repair/assistance activities: - adequate procedures are adopted (e.g., control and supervision procedures, prohibition of the use of calibration samples for the verification of repairs and software compensation of errors) and - a risk assessment is made regarding the type of repair/assistance activity and, in general, the characteristics of the intervention.
28.	LAT/LAB	<b>6.3.4:</b> Measures to control facilities shall be implemented, monitored	Dependence, conditioning of the outcome.	The laboratory uses premises which are shared with other companies or partially beyond its control.	Verification of contracts (leases, availability of rooms), regulations and conditions of use.	For testing laboratories: admissible, provided that an exclusive use is contractually provided for

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		and periodically reviewed and shall include, but not be limited to: a) Access to and use of areas affecting laboratory activities; b) Prevention of contamination, interference or adverse influences on laboratory activities; c) Effective separation between areas with incompatible laboratory activities.				(or in any case a clear identification/delimitation, reserved use) and the areas for performing laboratory activities which are expressly indicated.  For calibration laboratories: admissible as long as the Centre identifies conflict situations and manages them in the risk analysis.
29.	LAT	<b>6.3.5:</b> When the laboratory performs laboratory activities at sites or facilities outside its permanent control, it shall ensure that the requirements related to facilities and environmental conditions of this document are met.	Conditioning of the outcome.	Calibration activities performed at the customer, in an environment with control parameters beyond the responsibility of the laboratory.	Verification and review of the contract.	Admissible, provided that the Centre includes in the contract the conditions of non-performance of the calibrations that are attributable to the customer's responsibilities.
30.	LAB	<b>6.4.2:</b> When the laboratory uses equipment outside its permanent control, it shall ensure that the requirements for	Dependence.	The laboratory uses equipment beyond its control (e.g., customer equipment or free access to its equipment by personnel outside the laboratory, even if belonging to the same organization).	Verification of contracts, regulations and procedures regarding use.	Not admissible.



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31.	LAB	<b>6.4.2:</b> When the laboratory uses equipment outside its permanent control, it shall ensure that the requirements for equipment of this document are met.	Conditioning of the outcomes.	The laboratory also conducts research or experimentation activities for which the equipment can be brought to extreme or anomalous uses.	Verification procedure and records regarding use.	Admissible provided that, after performing the experimentation/research activities, the equipment is submitted to checks on suitability for use and calibration where necessary.
32.	LAT	<b>6.4.2:</b> When the laboratory uses equipment outside its permanent control, it shall ensure that the requirements for equipment of this document are met.	Dependence.	The Centre uses equipment which is outside its control and/or equipment of the customer/intended user.	Verification of contracts, regulations and procedures regarding use.	Admissible for <u>non-measuring equipment</u> , provided that the Centre identifies situations of conflict and manages them in the risk analysis.  Not admissible for <u>measuring equipment</u> , if this is owned by the Customer/intended user.
33.	LAT	<b>6.4.2:</b> When the laboratory uses equipment outside its permanent control, it shall ensure that the requirements for equipment of this document are met.	Dependence, conditioning of the outcomes.	The Centre uses shared <u>measuring facilities</u> or partially beyond its permanent control.	Verification of contracts, regulations and procedures regarding use.	Admissible, provided that the Centre identifies situations of conflict and manages them in the risk analysis.  Not admissible, if these are owned by the client (not permissible to share with the client).

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34.	LAB	<b>7.1.7:</b> The laboratory shall cooperate with customers or their representatives in clarifying the customer's request and in monitoring the laboratory's performance in relation to the work performed.	Responsibility and impact on analytical activities.	The laboratory has a contract with an external professional or with an intermediary/service company that carries out the sampling.	Verification of contracts, offers, procedures and documents in which the responsibility for sampling activities is clearly defined.	Admissible on a voluntary basis, provided it is managed with a risk analysis.
35.	LAT	<b>7.1.7:</b> The laboratory shall cooperate with customers or their representatives in clarifying the customer's request and in monitoring the laboratory's performance in relation to the work performed.	Self-interest, subcontract.	The Centre has a contract with an intermediary company which also provides the staff who collect the calibration data.	Verification of contracts.	Admissible provided it is managed with a risk analysis.
36.	LAT	<b>7.1.7:</b> The laboratory shall cooperate with customers or their representatives in clarifying the customer's request and in monitoring the laboratory's performance in relation to the work performed.	Self-interest.	The Centre's pricelist includes calibration campaigns (e.g., packages).	Verification of calibration protocols, verification of offers.	Admissible, provided that the calibration protocols are compatible with the scope of accreditation and the offers highlight any limits on the use of the results.  Not admissible for regulated sectors.
37.	LAT	<b>7.8.4.1:</b>	Self-interest.	The laboratory does not provide the results of the calibration	Verification of contracts.	Not admissible.

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38.	LAT	<b>7.8.4.1:</b> Repair/adjustment ..... calibration certificates shall include the following ... d) the results before and after any adjustment or repair, if available;	Self-interest.	The laboratory does not provide the results of the calibration performed before and after the instrument <del>was repaired</del> .	Verification of contracts.	Admissible, when it is not possible to perform calibration before repair.
39.	LAT	<b>7.8.4.3:</b> A calibration certificate or calibration label shall not contain any recommendation on the calibration interval, except where this has been agreed with the customer.	Self-interest.	The Centre manages, by contract with the customer, the metrological confirmation of the calibrated instrumentation.	Verification of contracts.	Admissible, provided that the responsibility for the actions and the definition of the re-calibration intervals is established by the recipient of the calibration certificate, because the frequency of intermediate checks and calibration intervals depends on the frequency and conditions of use of the instrument.
40.	LAT	<b>7.8.7.1:</b> When opinions and interpretations are expressed, the laboratory shall ensure that only personnel authorized for	Self-interest.	The Centre manages, by contract with the customer, the metrological confirmation and provides opinions and interpretations on the re-	Verification of contracts.	It is not admissible for opinions and interpretations based on the calibration data to provide indications on the expiry date of the same calibration.

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