

Annex E

(normative)

Use of the Accredited Laboratory Combined ILAC MRA Mark

E.1 General

This annex sets forth the policy and procedure for the use of the Accredited Laboratory Combined ILAC MRA Mark by NVLAP-accredited laboratories. The Accredited Laboratory Combined ILAC MRA Mark is the ILAC MRA Mark in combination with the NVLAP symbol. NVLAP may grant permission to its accredited laboratories to use the Accredited Laboratory Combined ILAC MRA Mark for accreditation activities covered by the scope of its ILAC MRA signatory status. NVLAP conforms to the rules for the use of the ILAC MRA Mark as set forth in ILAC-R7:05/2015, *Rules for the Use of the ILAC MRA Mark*.

E.2 Policy for use of the Accredited Laboratory Combined ILAC MRA Mark

The use of the Accredited Laboratory Combined MRA Mark (hereinafter called the “Mark”) is governed by the requirements for use of the NVLAP term and symbol as set out in Annex A. Permissible uses include reports and certificates, letterheads, contracts, business cards, brochures, advertising, and websites.

E.3 Request from an accredited laboratory to use the Mark

E.3.1 A laboratory wishing to use the Mark shall hold an accreditation within a field of accreditation covered by NVLAP’s scope of recognition under the ILAC MRA. The laboratory shall send a request to NVLAP that includes:

- the policy and procedure for controlling the Mark as described in E.4 a);
- an example of the Mark in a format that complies with the rules for reproduction in E.5.

E.3.2 The laboratory shall not use the Mark before written approval is received from NVLAP.

E.3.3 Permission to use the Mark extends only to accredited laboratories established in economies where the Mark is registered; however the laboratory may be able to use the Mark for activities undertaken outside the economy.

E.4 Conditions for use of the Mark

By signing the NVLAP conditions for accreditation (see Annex C), the laboratory agrees to fulfilling the following conditions for using the Mark.

- a) The laboratory shall have a policy and procedure for controlling the use of the Mark. This procedure may be combined with the policy and procedure for controlling the use of the term *NVLAP* and the NVLAP symbol [see Annex A, A.2 a)].
- b) The laboratory shall meet the same requirements for referencing the Mark as those published for referencing NVLAP accreditation in Annex A, with the exception of the rules for reproduction. The rules for reproduction of the Mark are set out in E.5 below and supersede those in Annex A, A.3.1, b), c) and e).

E.5 Reproduction of the Mark

E.5.1 A laboratory shall use the Mark in the proportions shown in Figure 1 below. It shall not be distorted, compressed, or stretched in any way.

E.5.2 The text within the Mark (ILAC MRA, NVLAP, NVLAP Lab Code, and type of accreditation activity) shall be readable.

E.5.3 The laboratory shall use the Mark on a background that will not impede readability.

E.5.4 The laboratory may reproduce the Mark in black and white or in one of the following approved colors:

- Process (CMYK) Color Breakdown (C100 M56 Y0 K0)
- Pantone (PMS) Color Breakdown (Pantone 293c, blue)
- Website (RGB) Color Breakdown (R0 G0 B229).

NOTE An electronic copy of the Mark is available from NVLAP upon request.

E.6 Misuse of the Mark

E.6.1 NVLAP will monitor the use of the Mark by accredited laboratories in conjunction with monitoring the use of the NVLAP symbol.

E.6.2 NVLAP will take action on inappropriate uses of the Mark. Such action may include a request for corrective action, suspension or revocation of accreditation, or legal action.

E.7 Examples of the Accredited Laboratory Combined ILAC MRA Mark

The template and proportions for the Mark are shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1. Accredited Laboratory Combined ILAC MRA Mark