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**SUBJECT:** Change to the minimum number of vendor product test report submissions as a measure of the laboratory's ongoing proficiency.

**Background**
Test report submissions are used by the validation authority as a measure to determine the laboratory's ongoing proficiency.

**Purpose**
The purpose of this bulletin is to announce a change to the minimum number of test report submissions as a measure of the laboratory's ongoing proficiency. This bulletin becomes part of the NIST Handbook 150-17:2022 CST testing criteria, until such time as the next edition of the handbook is published.

**Notice**
The change to the current requirement, found in NIST Handbook 150-17:2022, Section B.3.5.3.b, is that laboratories shall submit a minimum of two (2) test reports annually (every 12 calendar months) to the validation authority to demonstrate continued testing proficiency.

There remains no requirement for a test report submission during the first year of accreditation.

**Implementation of Changes**
This change is effective upon publication of this bulletin.

Please retain this NVLAP lab bulletin with your copy of NIST Handbook 150-22:2022 for future reference.

An accredited laboratory shall continue to maintain an Extended Cost Recovery (ECR) point total of less than 12 points on an ongoing two-year period (reference Lab Bulletin LB-149-2023).

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