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1. Purpose and Scope

To define the Policy & guidelines for the use of the Accreditation Symbol of AERSSC by Accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) under the following programmes:

- Medical Laboratories as per ISO 15189:2012/ ISO 15189:2022
- Testing laboratories as per ISO/IEC 17025:2017
- Calibration laboratories as per ISO/IEC 17025:2017

2. Policy

AERSSC Policy has been developed in line with ILAC-P8:03/2019 ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement: Supplementary Requirements for using Accreditation symbol and for claims of Accreditation Status by Accredited CABs. This is to encourage CABs to use AERSSC Symbol to refer to their Accreditation Status. This document also details AERSSC Policy on any claim of accreditation by CABs apart from the use of the AERSSC Symbol.

2.1 For use of AERSSC Symbol

- 2.1.1 Use of AERSSC Symbol may be used by the accredited CAB for the parameter/tests covered under accredited scope on all the test reports/certificates and medical test reports/certificates.
- 2.1.2 When promoting or providing proof of Accreditation, Accredited CABs shall use the scope(s) of Accreditation.
- 2.1.3 AERSSC Symbol or any claim shall not be placed on the products or items, which a laboratory has tested.
- 2.1.4 The AERSSC Symbol is not transferable and is to be used only by the Accredited CAB during the period when it holds valid accreditation.
- 2.1.5 AERSSC accreditation is location-specific. The accreditation claim shall be related only to the specific location that is covered under the AERSSC Scope and not to any other non-accredited locations.

3. Definitions

3.1 Accredited CABs

Organizations accredited by AERSSC.

3.2 Logo

A unique logo was adopted by AERSSC to identify itself.

3.3 AERSSC Accreditation Symbol

A combination of the AERSSC Logo and Accreditation Certificate Number indicates an Accreditation Symbol.

- 3.3.1 For Testing Laboratory: Pictorial representation of AERSSC Symbol to be used by Accredited Testing Laboratory, where CT-XXX is the Accreditation Certificate Number as mentioned in Fig 1.

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3.3.2 For Medical Testing Laboratory: Pictorial representation of AERSSC Symbol to be used by Accredited Medical Testing Laboratory, where MLS-XXX is the Accreditation Certificate Number as mentioned in Fig 2.

3.4 Accreditation Program

The following wording will be used as the Accreditation Symbol to identify the accreditation program:

Testing Laboratories: CT
Calibration Laboratories CL
Medical Laboratories: MLS

4. Display of Accreditation Symbol

- 4.1. The AERSSC logo together with the accreditation program name and accreditation identification number constitutes the AERSSC Accreditation Symbol. (Fig. 1, Fig. 2)
- 4.2. The accreditation Symbol shall be displayed only in the appropriate form, size and color. (Fig. 1, Fig. 2)
- 4.3. The AERSSC accreditation Symbol shall normally have a minimum height (excluding the accreditation program and number) of 15 mm and then the increase of shall be divisible by 5 upto 50 mm. The wording for the accreditation program and accreditation number underneath the AERSSC accreditation Symbol shall be legible. While using the Symbol it shall be ensured by the laboratory that the design and its manifestations are not distorted. It can be reproduced in any single color (preferably black).
- 4.4. The accreditation number shall be in two digits. The accreditation program name shall be a font type of 10 while the accreditation number shall be a font type of 11.
- 4.5. AERSSC accreditation Symbol may only be used once granted accreditation.

Figure 1



MLS-XXX

Figure 2



CT-XXX

5. Instructions for Use of AERSSC Accredited CAB Combined ILAC MRA Mark in its Test Report

Once AERSSC gets ILAC MRA Recognition guidelines for the use of an Accreditation Symbol shall be issued at that time. For which the CABs shall be informed separately.