



Accreditation Mechanism for Environmental Performance Verification Process

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Existing Accreditation Mechanism

- **International Accreditation Forum (IAF)**
- **International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC)**

- **European Accreditation Cooperation (EA)**
- **Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Mechanism (APLAC)**
- **Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (PAC)**

- **International Personnel Certification Association (IPC)**

Existing Mechanism Considerations

Few Considerations

- Existing mechanism for cooperation
 - Existing mechanism for mutual recognition
 - Acceptable worldwide with 41 countries (approx.) being members of these forums
 - Immediate acceptability of the EPV programs
 - Laboratory & Inspection Accreditation Mechanism already existing
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- Main focus on conformity assessment areas
 - Long process for establishing MLA or MRA
 - So far IAF & PAC have MLA for QMS and EMS
 - May or may not be acceptable by all countries
 - Would require process of voting from members

Probable Mechanism

Few Considerations

- 6-7 countries are keen at present to establish the EPV mechanism
- Less time required to establish a Multi Lateral agreement for mutual cooperation with few countries initially
- Provide ample opportunity for the program to establish its credibility
- Immediate recognition
- Self sustaining
- Support from Governments for the Program and Accredited technologies since it helps them meet their social objectives
- Learn initially from pitfalls and close gaps based on these learnings before more countries join in.
- Prove its usefulness

Probable Mechanism

- Establish a forum of Accreditation Bodies for EPVs
- Establish agreements for Mutual Recognition of Performance Verification Results
- Use the Accreditation Mechanism of ILAC (EA & APLAC) to appoint Verification Entities and recognize results of Testing Entities.
- Lobby to make the respective governments recognize these across borders
- Participation of the Office bearers in various IAF, PAC, ILAC, APLAC and other related forums to establish close linkages with these bodies



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