

ILAC – a mechanism to provide quality test results

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ILAC, the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation, was established formally in 1980 with the goal of providing a mechanism for laboratory test results to be recognised both in domestic markets as well as internationally.

Today, some nearly 40 years later, with more than 50 000 facilities recognised by the partners of the cooperation, the capability of economies to trade in numerous products and services has been enhanced substantially. In addition all economies have also taken advantage of this recognition to strengthen the reliance that regulators can rely on when requiring these services to be provided in their domestic economies.

This presentation will focus on how the cooperation works, how differing approaches are evaluated and how ultimately the economies represented by the cooperation have benefited.