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To Eurofins Analytico BV

Statement regarding European-wide recognition of accreditation

UKAS is the National Accreditation Body appointed by United Kingdom pursuant to Regulation (EC) 765/2008 and signatory to the EA Multilateral Agreement (EA MLA) for the accreditation of conformity assessment bodies. The objective of the EA MLA is to facilitate the free movement of goods and services and eliminate technical trade barriers by creating acceptance and confidence in accreditations provided by national accreditation bodies and in conformity assessment activities delivered by accredited conformity assessment bodies (laboratories, certification, verification and inspection bodies).

The EA MLA is managed and controlled by the European co-operation for Accreditation (EA) which is the body designated by the European Commission pursuant to Regulation (EC) 765/2008 and is based on a process of peer evaluations amongst EA members.

Based on the EA MLA UKAS has confidence in the accreditation system operated by Raad voor Accreditatie (RvA) and considers that the accreditation system operated by RvA is equivalent to UKAS accreditation system.

Under the EA MLA certificates/reports issued by Eurofins Analytico BV⁽¹⁾ accredited by RvA which is also a signatory to the EA MLA are accepted by UKAS as being as reliable as any comparable reports that have been issued by laboratories accredited by UKAS.

The EA MLA does not establish in any case that accreditation of Eurofins Analytico BV by one of the signatories means any kind of implicit accreditation by the rest of the signatories. Therefore, the present letter does not imply that UKAS “validates” “recognizes” or “approves” the laboratories accredited by another signatory, thus any possible claim about its performance or information about its accreditation must be treated exclusively with the body that has accredited it.

⁽¹⁾ When CAB is accredited abroad and is operating with sites in the Country of the local AB (mainly in case of an international company acting with different legal entities) it is advisable, to avoid market confusion, to make an explicit reference to the actual CAB (eg, including the full address in the foreign country).

National authorities in EU/EFTA countries are obliged to recognise the equivalence of services delivered by accreditation bodies which have successfully undergone peer evaluation by EA and to accept attestations issued by conformity assessment bodies accredited by EA MLA signatories as stated in Article 11 of the Regulation (EC) No 765/2008.

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