



CNAS-R01

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Reference to Accreditation**

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1 Purpose and Scope

1.1 This document is developed for the purpose to ensure the correct use of CNAS (China National Accreditation System) accreditation logo, combined logo of international mutual recognition and CNAS accreditation and accreditation certificates, to avoid the misuse or abuse of such symbols and accreditation certificate or wrong reference to accreditation and to safeguard CNAS' credibility.

1.2 This document is applicable to the requirements of CNAS for accredited conformity assessment bodies (CAB) in their use of CNAS accreditation logo, combined logo of international mutual recognition and CNAS accreditation, accreditation certificates and reference to their accreditation.

Note: in this document, CAB refers to certification body, laboratory and related bodies, inspection body and other assessment/verification body that has been accredited by CNAS, simply called certification body, laboratory and inspection body thereafter.

2 Reference Documents

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

2.1 GB/T27011 Conformity Assessment—General Requirements for Accreditation Body (idt ISO/IEC 17011)

2.2 GB/T27000 Conformity Assessment—Vocabulary and General Principles (idt ISO/IEC 17000)

2.3 IAF ML 2 General Principles on Use of the IAF MLA Mark

2.4 ILAC-R7 Rules For The Use Of The ILAC MRA Mark

2.5 ILAC-P8 ILAC-MRA Supplementary Requirements and Guidelines for the Use of Accreditation Symbols and for Claims of Accreditation Status by Accredited Laboratories

3 Terms and Definitions

The terms and definitions given in GB/T27000 (idt ISO/IEC17000) and GB/T27011 (idt ISO/IEC17011) and the following apply.

3.1 CNAS Logo: particular graph representing CNAS, which is owned and used by CNAS

3.2 Accreditation registration number: particular combination of English letters and numerals granted by CNAS to accredited body

3.3 CNAS accreditation logo: graph issued by CNAS to be used by accredited CAB to indicate its accredited qualifications, generally composed of the CNAS logo and characters and registration number explaining the accreditation scheme, specific template as shown in appendix 1 and appendix 2 to this document.

3.4 International mutual recognition mark: owned by IAF or ILAC demonstrating that accreditation system conducted by the accreditation body of relevant country or economy has signed the graph of mutual recognition agreement for its accreditation scheme(s); called briefly IAF-MLA or ILAC-MRA mark

3.5 Combined international mutual recognition logo: graph formed by IAF-MLA or ILAC-MRA international mutual recognition mark in conjunction with CNAS logo, including IAF-MLA/CNAS symbol and ILAC-MRA/CNAS symbol

3.6 Combined logo of international mutual recognition and CNAS accreditation: special form of accreditation logo belonging to CNAS, which is made up of international mutual recognition mark and CNAS accreditation logo, including IAF-MLA/CNAS logo and ILAC-MRA/CNAS logo, with specific template as shown in appendix 1 and appendix 2 to this document.

3.7 Reference to accreditation: written explanation of accredited qualifications

3.8 Authorized signatory: a person accredited by CNAS, who has the competence

to sign the report or certificate bearing accreditation symbol issued by a laboratory or inspection body and a document claiming accreditation.

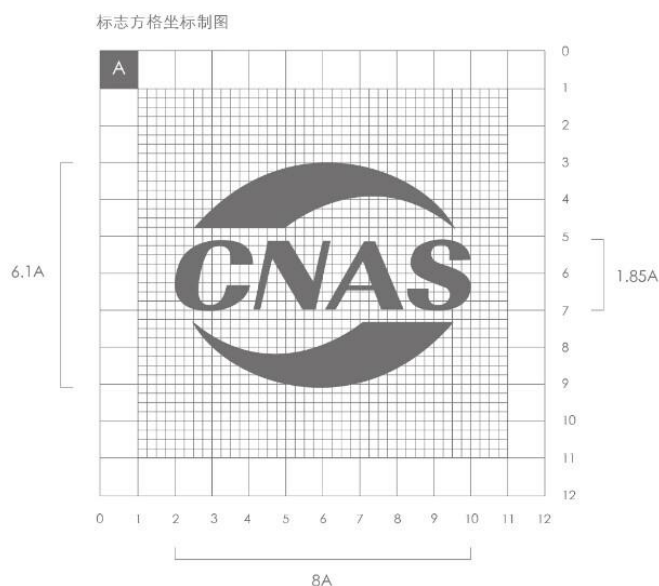
3.9 Accreditation symbol stamp: stamp of CNAS accreditation logo engraved in particular material and granted by CNAS to accredited laboratory or inspection body to stamp on the report/certificate issued within its accredited scopes

3.10 Calibration label: identification applied by calibration laboratory to the calibrated instrument indicating its calibration status

4 Template of CNAS symbol and international mutual recognition mark

4.1 CNAS symbol

4.1.1 The template of CNAS symbol



4.1.2 The specifications of CNAS symbol

The specifications of CNAS symbol shall conform to the specifications shown above. The symbol may be zoomed in or out proportionately and shall be clearly identifiable.

4.1.3 The color of CNAS symbol

The basic color of CNAS symbol is blue or black.

Blue: C: 100 M: 95 Y: 25 K: 0 (standard color)

C: 100 M: 56 Y: 0 K: 0 (standard color)

Black: C: 0 M: 0 Y: 0 K: 100 (standard color)

4.1.4 The use of CNAS symbol

CNAS owns and holds the right to the CNAS symbol, which shall not be used by any other body or individual without written permission of CNAS; CNAS uses the symbol according to relevant provisions.

4.2 International mutual recognition mark

4.2.1 IAF-MLA mark

4.2.1.1 The template of IAF-MLA mark



4.2.1.2 The color of IAF-MLA mark

The basic color of IAF-MLA mark is blue or black.

Blue: C: 100 M: 80 Y: 0 K: 0

C: 100 M: 56 Y: 0 K: 0

Black: C: 0 M: 0 Y: 0 K: 100

4.2.2 ILAC- MRA mark

4.2.2.1 The template of ILAC-MRA mark



4.2.2.2 The color of ILAC- MRA mark

The basic color of ILAC- MRA mark shall be blue or black.

Blue: C: 100 M: 56 Y: 0 K: 0

Black: C: 0 M: 0 Y: 0 K: 100

4.2.3 Use of international mutual recognition mark

4.2.3.1 IAF and ILAC own the IAF-MLA and ILAC-MRA Mark. CNAS is a signatory to the IAF and ILAC multi-lateral agreement and has signed the agreement with IAF and ILAC to use the IAF-MLA and ILAC-MRA international mutual recognition mark within the specified scopes.

4.2.3.2 CNAS has the right to use the IAF-MLA and ILAC-MRA international mutual recognition mark according to relevant provisions. CNAS generally applies the CNAS symbol in combination with the international mutual recognition mark.

4.2.3.3 CNAS accredited CAB cannot use the international mutual recognition mark separately.

5 Requirements for CAB to use the CNAS accreditation logo and reference to accreditation

5.1 General requirements for using CNAS accreditation logo and reference to accreditation

5.1.1 CNAS owns the CNAS accreditation logo and CABs use the CNAS accreditation logo or refer to accreditation within the accreditation scope and the valid period of accreditation according to this document and relevant requirements. Other bodies shall not use the accreditation logo or refer to accreditation. CABs have the right to the CNAS accreditation logo but shall not transfer the right for using the accreditation logo. CNAS oversees the CAB's use of CNAS accreditation logo or reference to accreditation.

Note 1: CABs applying for accreditation shall not use the accreditation logo.

Note 2: If the calibration certificate issued by accredited calibration laboratory is used by the testing laboratory and QMS certified organization to establish the measurement traceability system, the CNAS accreditation logo should be used on the calibration certificate.

5.1.2 The CAB shall establish the management procedure for the use of the CNAS accreditation logo and reference to accreditation to ensure compliance to this document and shall not use the CNAS accreditation logo or refer to accreditation in

other businesses irrelevant to the accredited scope.

5.1.3 The CAB shall refer to accreditation accurately and objectively within the accredited scope and validity of accreditation according to the provisions of this document and shall not use the reference to accreditation in other activities of itself or its mother organization.

5.1.4 The CAB shall use accreditation logo and refer to accreditation in the name as shown in the accreditation certificate or such name as permitted by CNAS.

5.1.5 The CAB shall not use the CNAS accreditation logo or refer to accreditation in such a way that misleads related parties to believe that CNAS is responsible for the certificate or report issued by the CAB, or responsible for any interpretation of or opinion on the results of such certificate or report.

5.1.6 When the accreditation requirements change and the CAB fails to complete the transition on time, it shall not continue use of the accreditation logo nor claim in any manner that accreditation is still valid.

5.1.7 The CAB shall use the CNAS accreditation logo correctly according to the template published by the CNAS secretariat and shall ensure the integrity of the CNAS accreditation logo. It may zoom in or out the CNAS accreditation symbol clear and distinguishable. The CNAS secretariat provides the CAB with the template of the accreditation logo.

5.1.8 The CAB may download the CNAS accreditation logo from the logo downloading area of the CNAS website (<http://www.cnas.org.cn>) with the user name and password provided by the CNAS secretariat.

5.1.9 The CAB may use the CNAS accreditation logo on report, certificate, document, stationeries, promotion materials and webpage. The use of the accreditation logo or reference to accreditation may be printed, in pictures and words and stamped (the stamp is only limited to the accreditation logo of laboratory and inspection body).

5.1.10 The CAB whose accreditation is suspended shall immediately stop publicity of CNAS accreditation, use of the CNAS accreditation logo or reference to accreditation on certificate, report, document, stationeries, promotion materials and

webpage within the suspended accreditation scope.

5.1.11 The CAB whose accreditation is withdrawn, cancelled or reduced shall immediately stop any publicity of CNAS accreditation and take back, destroy and delete any certificate, report, document, office article, promotion materials and webpage that has the CNAS accreditation logo or refers to accreditation from the date that CNAS makes the decision on withdrawal, cancellation or reduction.

5.1.12 Upon expiry of accreditation, the CAB shall discontinue use of the CNAS accreditation logo if it fails to renew its accreditation and shall not in any way claim that its accreditation is still valid.

5.1.13 The CAB that doesn't use the CNAS accreditation logo or refer to accreditation within the accredited scope shall carry out conformity assessment activities according to CNAS requirements.

5.1.14 When a CAB is involved in any legal suit due to its use of the accreditation logo or reference to accreditation, it shall inform CNAS in a timely manner. CNAS is entitled to request by itself or ask the CAB to request participation in the suit as a third person according to the need of the suit. If reconciliation and nolle prosequi is adopted, it shall be permitted by CNAS in written form.

5.2 Special requirements for certification bodies in their use of CNAS accreditation logo and reference to accreditation

5.2.1 Certification bodies accredited by CNAS shall correctly publicize relevant knowledge about accreditation and international mutual recognition in their public documents or websites.

5.2.2 The certification body who claims that it is accredited by CNAS shall apply CNAS accreditation logo or the text “经中国合格评定国家认可委员会认可 (Accredited by China National Accreditation Service)” and its accreditation registration number on the certification certificate issued by it within the CNAS accredited scope.

5.2.3 If the certification body is accredited by a number of accreditation bodies, CNAS allows it to use the accreditation logos of CNAS and other accreditation bodies on the same certification certificate. The certification body shall identify the

gap of certification standards. If there is a gap in certification standards, the certification body shall not use the accreditation logo of CNAS on the same certification certificate with that of other accreditation bodies.

5.2.4 The certification body shall put the CNAS accreditation symbol and its name or logo on the same page.

5.2.5 The accredited product certification body may authorize its certified organizations to use the CNAS accreditation logo on certified product or individual package according to following requirements:

(1) The CNAS accreditation logo shall be used with the product certification body's certification mark which indicates certain product certification scheme in the following manner:



(2) The certification body shall sign agreement with its certified organizations regarding the use of the CNAS accreditation logo and oversight their use.

5.2.6 When the management system certification body is granted accreditation by CNAS, it shall not allow certified organizations to use the CNAS accreditation logo on their products or the package of product.

5.2.7 The use of the CNAS accreditation logo or reference to accreditation shall not mislead related parties to believe that CNAS has approved the certified particular management system, product, process, service or personnel.

5.3 Special requirements for laboratories and inspection bodies in their use of CNAS accreditation logo and reference to accreditation

5.3.1 The laboratory or inspection body shall place the CNAS accreditation logo at

an appropriate place in the upper part of the cover page of the report or certificate it issues.

5.3.2 Report or certificate bearing the CNAS accreditation logo or reference to accreditation shall be signed by authorized signatory within his scope of authorization.

5.3.3 If the results of report or certificate issued by a laboratory or inspection body are totally outside of its accredited scope, or totally obtained by subcontractor, the CNAS accreditation logo or reference to accreditation shall not be used on such report or certificate.

5.3.4 If the report or certificate bearing the CNAS accreditation symbol or reference to accreditation issued by laboratory or inspection body contains any non-accredited item, it shall clearly identify such item as not in the accredited scope.

5.3.5 If the report or certificate bearing the CNAS accreditation logo or reference to accreditation issued by laboratory or inspection body contains any subcontracted item, it shall clearly identify such item as being subcontracted. If the laboratory or inspection body abstracts information from the report or certificate of the subcontractor, it shall have the consent of the subcontractor; if the subcontractor has not been accredited by CNAS, such subcontracted item shall be indicated as not in the accredited scope.

5.3.6 If the report or certificate issued by the laboratory or inspection body contains information about CNAS and other accreditation body signing the multilateral or bilateral mutual recognition agreement, the relevant contents have to be approved in written form by CNAS. The laboratory or inspection body shall not use the accreditation logo of other accreditation body that has signed the MRA on the report or certificate it issues unless it has been granted accreditation by other MRA signatory accreditation body or CNAS has signed particular bilateral agreement with other accreditation body.

5.3.7 With regard to multi-site laboratory or inspection body, the use of CNAS accreditation logo or reference to accreditation shall not mislead related parties to

believe that the relevant competence of unaccredited sites is covered in the scope of accreditation.

5.3.8 The laboratory or inspection body shall not contain the CNAS accreditation logo or description of reference to accreditation in relevant communication about all activities (including subcontracted activities) not covered in the accredited scope. It shall not refer to accreditation or give hint about being accredited or mislead related parties to believe that it has been granted CNAS accreditation.

5.3.9 If the laboratory or inspection body has also passed management system certification, its report or certificate can only use CNAS accreditation logo but not the certification mark.

5.3.10 The laboratory or inspection body shall not use CNAS accreditation logo or reference to accreditation on sample or product (or independent product part), which will mislead related parties to believe that the product has been certified.

5.3.11 If the report or certificate bearing accreditation logo issued by laboratory or inspection body contains interpretation of the results, there shall be necessary written explanation to avoid any ambiguity or misunderstanding by the customer.

5.3.12 If the report or certificate bearing CNAS accreditation logo issued by laboratory contains any interpretation or opinion, such interpretation or opinion shall be accredited by CNAS and the testing and calibration competence as the basis of such interpretation and opinion shall have been accredited by CNAS. If the interpretation or opinion is not in CNAS accredited scope, it shall be identified in the report or certificate as such. Laboratories are recommended to issue separate report or certificate without accreditation logo for the interpretation or opinion not in accredited scope.

5.3.13 The judgment on the compliance of the test or calibration results with criteria or limit specified by the customer is not “opinion and interpretation” specified in this document. When the report or certificate issued by the laboratory only contains the judgment standard (with no specific test or calibration method), the accreditation logo or reference to accreditation shall not be used on the report or certificate.

5.3.14 The laboratory that has been granted accreditation for testing and calibration laboratory shall issue test report or certification and calibration report or certificate

separately. The test report or certificate shall only use the CNAS accreditation logo for testing laboratory and the calibration report or certificate shall only use the CNAS accreditation logo for calibration laboratory.

5.3.15 The CNAS accreditation logo for calibration laboratory shall only be used on calibration report/certificate not on the report or certificate with other names.

5.3.16 The CNAS accreditation logo or reference to accreditation for proficiency testing provider can only be used on proficiency testing scheme report and measurement audit report not on the report or certificate with other names.

5.3.17 The CNAS accreditation logo or reference to accreditation for reference material or reference sample producer can only be used on the certificate and label of reference material or reference sample.

5.3.18 The CNAS accreditation logo or reference to accreditation for good laboratory practice can only be used on the research report issued by the testing body not on the report or certificate with other names.

5.3.19 The CNAS accreditation logo or reference to accreditation for bio-safety laboratory shall not be used on report/certificate, only on publicity media such as website and brochure.

5.4 Requirements for the use of CNAS accreditation logo on calibration label

5.4.1 The calibration laboratory shall establish the management procedure for issuing calibration label with CNAS accreditation logo.

5.4.2 Calibration label bearing CNAS accreditation logo which is issued by calibration laboratory within the accredited scope and validity of accreditation may be stuck to calibrated instruments, and the CNAS accreditation logo shall be placed in an appropriate place in the upper part of the label.

5.4.3 The calibration label bearing CNAS accreditation logo shall normally contain the following information:

- (1) name or registration number of the accredited calibration laboratory
- (2) unique identification of the instrument
- (3) date of current calibration

(4) calibration certificate referred to by the label

6 Requirements for use of combined logo of international mutual recognition and CNAS accreditation

IAF-MLA/CNAS logo and ILAC-MRA/CNAS logo shall be used in compliance with the relevant requirements in clause 5 of this document about the use of CNAS accreditation logo while meeting the following requirements.

6.1 CNAS allows the CAB to use the combined logo of international mutual recognition and CNAS accreditation within the schemes for which CNAS has signed the multilateral mutual recognition agreement with IAF and ILAC. The CNAS secretariat publishes the schemes covered in the multilateral mutual recognition agreement and the template of combined logo of international mutual recognition and CNAS accreditation as shown in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 to this document.

6.1.1 The certification body can use the relevant logo only after it has signed the agreement on the use of combined IAF-MLA/CNAS logo with CNAS secretariat.

6.1.2 The laboratory and inspection body can use the relevant logo upon approval by CNAS.

6.2 The agreement on the use of combined IAF-MLA/CNAS logo and the template of the logo can be downloaded from the logo downloading area of the CNAS website (<http://www.cnas.org.cn>) with the user name and password provided by the CNAS secretariat.

6.3 The combined logo of international mutual recognition and CNAS accreditation can be used on report, certificate, publication, document, stationeries, publicity materials and website, either printed or in electronic format. The laboratory or inspection body shall not use the ILAC-MRA/CNAS logo on business cards.

6.4 The CAB using the combined logo of international mutual recognition and CNAS accreditation shall not state or imply that IAF, ILAC and CNAS are responsible for its activities.

6.5 The IAF-MLA/CNAS logo shall be on the same page as the name and/or logo of the accredited certification body. If the certification body is accredited by more than

one accreditation body, CNAS allows it to use the IAF-MLA/CNAS logo and the accreditation logo of other accreditation body that is a MLA signatory on the same certificate.

6.6 The certification body shall not allow the IAF-MLA/CNAS logo or IAF-MLA logo to be used by its certified organizations or on their products.

6.7 The product certification body shall sign the agreement with CNAS about the use of IAF-MLA/CNAS combined logo before it can apply the logo on publications, documents, stationeries, publicity materials and website. However before IAF approves relevant product certification scheme, the accredited product certification body shall not use the IAF-MLA/CNAS logo on its certificates even if it has signed the above agreement with CNAS.

6.8 Clause 5.1.14 shall apply when the CAB is involved in a lawsuit because of the combined logo of international mutual recognition and CNAS accreditation.

7 Requirements for the use of accreditation certificate

7.1 The accreditation certificate shown by the CAB to its client shall be within its valid period. When a part of the accreditation certificate is used separately, the accreditation status and accreditation scope shall be correctly described so as to avoid ambiguity or misleading.

7.2 If the name or address of the CAB is changed, it shall submit the application for change to CNAS for updating the accreditation certificate. If the accreditation scope is changed, CNAS will issue an additional or reissue the scope of accredited competences.

7.3 The CAB may display its accreditation certificate in publications, document, promotion materials, website etc. The accreditation certificate shown thus shall be clearly distinguishable.

7.4 The CAB whose accreditation is withdrawn or cancelled shall immediately return its accreditation certificate.

8 Handling of misuse or abuse of CNAS accreditation logo, accreditation certificate and misleading reference to accreditation

8.1 CNAS shall take necessary actions against misuse, abuse or forgery of CNAS accreditation logo, combined logo of international mutual recognition and CNAS accreditation, accreditation certificate and misleading reference to accreditation by any CAB and individual, including warning/counseling, suspension, withdrawal or lawsuit.

8.2 CNAS has the right to claim the assumption of the entire losses of CNAS and legal liabilities against the CAB who continues to use the CNAS accreditation logo, combined logo of international mutual recognition and CNAS accreditation, accreditation certificate or reference to accreditation after its accreditation has been suspended or withdrawn (including cancellation).

8.3 If any CAB is involved in any legal suit brought up by another body due to its use of CNAS accreditation logo, combined logo of international mutual recognition and CNAS accreditation, accreditation certificate or reference to accreditation but has failed to inform CNAS in a timely manner or caused losses to CNAS in terms of reputation or finance, CNAS will withdraw its accreditation and has the right to request it to assume all the losses caused to CNAS and undertake relevant legal liabilities..

8.4 The aforesaid CAB or individual shall compensate for the losses caused to CNAS by the cases of 8.1-8.3 and the compensation includes but not limited to: expenses incurred by CNAS in taking necessary aforesaid actions and various penalties and compensation expenses undertaken by CNAS and various lawsuit charges collected by arbitration or other organizations.

Appendix 1 Template of certification body accreditation logo and template of combined logo of international mutual recognition and CNAS accreditation

1 Template of CNAS accreditation logo for certification bodies

The CNAS accreditation logo for certification bodies composes of the CNAS logo, characters indicating the basis accreditation scheme and the registration number. The characters and registration number are placed on the right of the CANS logo. The characters will be in Song style and the English letters and numerals are in Arial. The basic colour of the CNAS accreditation logo is blue or black. The colour of the characters and registration number constituting the accreditation logo shall be consistent with the CNAS logo.

1.1 Template of the accreditation logo for management system certification bodies:



“MANAGEMENT SYSTEM” represents the basic management system accreditation scheme, “C” meaning certification body accreditation, “XXX” is the certification body’s accreditation registration serial number, M means management system.

1.2 The template of the accreditation logo for product, process and service certification bodies:



“PRODUCT” represents the basic accreditation scheme for product, process

and service certification body, “C” means certification body accreditation, the “XXX” is the registration serial number of accredited certification body, and the “P” means product, process and service.

1.3 The template of accreditation logo for personnel certification bodies:



“PERSONNEL” represents the basic accreditation scheme for personnel certification bodies, the “C” means certification body accreditation, the “XXX” is the registration serial number of accredited certification body, and “R” means personnel.

1.4 The template of the accreditation logo for software process and capability maturity assessment bodies:



“SPCA” represents the basic accreditation scheme for software process and capability maturity assessment bodies, the “C” means certification body accreditation, “XXX” is the registration serial number of accredited certification body, and “A” means software process capability maturity.

1.5 When a certification body accredited for several basic accreditation schemes refers to its accreditation (apart from presenting the certification certificate), it may adopt the example below for the use of the accreditation logo without misleading in any way..



2 Template of IAF-MLA/CNAS logo

The certification body IAF-MLA/CNAS logo is made up of the IAF-MLA international mutual recognition mark and the CNAS accreditation logo alongside each other.

Template 1:



Template 2:



Appendix 2 Template of the laboratory and inspection body accreditation logo and the template of the combined logo of international mutual recognition and CNAS accreditation

1 Template of the laboratory and inspection body accreditation logo

The laboratory and inspection body accreditation logo is made up of the CNAS logo, characters indicating the accreditation scheme and registration number. The characters and registration number are placed on the right of the CANS logo. The characters will be in Song style and the English letters and numerals are in Arial. The basic colour of the CNAS accreditation logo is blue or black. The colour of the characters and registration number constituting the accreditation logo shall be consistent with the CNAS logo.

1.1 Template of the testing laboratory accreditation logo:



“L” means laboratory accreditation, “XXXX” is the aerial number of accreditation.

1.2 Template of calibration laboratory accreditation logo:



“L” means laboratory accreditation, “XXXX” is the serial number of accreditation.

1.3 Template of medical laboratory accreditation logo:



“MT” means medical testing laboratory accreditation, “XXXX” is the serial number of accreditation.

1.4 Template of inspection body accreditation logo:



“IB” means inspection body accreditation, the “XXXX” is the serial number of accreditation.

1.4 Template of proficiency testing provider accreditation logo:



“PT” means proficiency testing provider accreditation, “XXXX” is the serial number of accreditation.

1.6 Template of reference material producer accreditation logo:



“RM” means reference material producer accreditation, the “XXXX” is the serial number of accreditation.

1.7 Template of good laboratory practice logo:



“GLP” represents good laboratory practice accreditation and “XXXX” is the serial number of accreditation.

1.8 Template of laboratory biosafety accreditation logo:



“BL” represents laboratory biosafety accreditation and “XXXX” is the serial number of accreditation

1.9 When a conformity assessment body accredited in several fields refers to its accreditation, it may use a combined accreditation logo (but not to be used for the purpose of issuing certificate or report) as shown below:



2 Template of ILAC-MRA/CNAS logo

ILAC-MRA/CNAS logo is made up of the ILAC-MRA international mutual recognition mark and the CNAS accreditation logo alongside each other.

Template 1:



Template 2:



Template 3:



Template 4:

