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CLARIFICATION REQUEST FORM

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5. Please specify the ISO/CASCO document by name and number (ISO/IEC 17XXX) and clause number: ISO/IEC 17025:2017 8.5.2 b
6. Clarification request, please formulate the request clearly and where possible in a format that enables a YES or NO answer: ISO/IEC 17025 Section 1 (Scope) states that ISO/IEC 17025 "specifies general requirements for the competence, impartiality and consistent operation of laboratories." The standard itself thus establishes that all requirements therein pertain to the competence, impartiality and consistent operation of laboratories. ISO/IEC 17025 8.5.2 b requires laboratories to plan how to evaluate the effectiveness of actions to address risks and opportunities. ISO/IEC 17025 8.9.2 k requires the input to the management review to include information related to effectiveness of any implemented improvements. The information required by 8.9.2 k is comprised (at least in part) by the output from the laboratory executing the plan required in 8.5.2 b and both relate to the competence, impartiality and consistent operation of the laboratory. Is this correct?
7. Consensus position of the maintenance group (This section is only to be completed by the maintenance group members) The clarifications requested appear to be hypothetical and there is insufficient information has been provided related to these specific problems associated with the implementation of the standard. Furthermore, the Working Group's intention of limiting the impact of "Risk" only relates to the methodology applied. "Risk Management" and the implementation of a formal risk management system (e.g, ISO 31000) is not a requirement.

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