



ISO/CASCO 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 8.6.1
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 clause 8.6.1 requires laboratories to “identify and select opportunities for improvement and implement necessary actions.” 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 information about the actions required in 8.6.1 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 clarification request is unclear because it effectively asks two separate questions [i.e., what information is required by 8.9.2 k) and whether improvement actions relate to competence, impartiality and consistent operation of the laboratory]. Refer to the response to the clarification request for 8.6 regarding the intended scope of the clause. If further clarification is required, please restate the request.

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