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| Ref: | **TSB Circular 368**SG11/DA | **To:**- Administrations of Member States of the Union;- ITU-T Sector Members;- ITU-T Associates;- ITU Academia |
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| **Subject**:  | **ITU recognition of Testing Laboratories** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1. It is my pleasure to inform you that following the decision made by ITU-T Study Group 11 (*Signalling requirements, protocols, test specifications and combating counterfeit products*) (<https://itu.int/go/tsg11>), ITU recognizes Testing Laboratories (TLs) which scope of accreditation covers testing against ITU-T standards. The relevant ITU Testing Laboratories database is in operation since 10 December 2021.
2. Resolution 76 (WTSA-16) instructs ITU Conformity Assessment Steering Committee (CASC) to study and define a procedure to recognize TLs that are competent to test according to ITU-T Recommendations.
3. SG11 adopted the ITU Guidelines which define the high-level framework on TL recognition procedure and appointment of ITU technical experts who can be involved in the TL’s assessment team. Both documents are available on the CASC webpage (<https://itu.int/go/casc>).
4. Following collaboration between ITU Conformity Assessment Steering Committee (CASC) and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC), ITU-T SG11 decided that ITU recognizes the TLs which are accredited by an Accreditation Body (AB) that is a signatory to the ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) for testing (<https://ilac.org/ilac-mra-and-signatories/>), which scope of accreditation contains ITU-T Recommendation(s). The relevant request needs to be submitted through the [online form](https://www.itu.int/net/itu-t/cdb/secured/reg-tldb.aspx) which is made available on ITU C&I Portal (<https://itu.int/go/citest>). The recognized TL will be listed in the ITU Testing Laboratory Database accordingly.
5. Any TL including non-ITU members, which express its interest to be accredited against ITU-T Recommendations to be further recognized by ITU, needs to approach AB that is a signatory to the ILAC MRA. The list of ABs is available at: <https://ilac.org/signatory-search/>. Afterwards, once the accreditation is given to the TL and relevant application form submitted to ITU by TL, the TL can be recognized by ITU accordingly.
6. All ICT products tested against ITU-T Recommendation by TLs recognized by ITU may be registered in the ITU Product Conformity Database (<https://itu.int/go/tcdb>), based on the request. The relevant requests need to be submitted by relevant stakeholder via [online form](https://www.itu.int/net/itu-t/cdb/secured/Register16.aspx) accordingly.
7. All interested parties, including non-ITU members are invited to populate the ITU Testing Laboratory database and ITU Product Conformity Database. This approach might be used for increasing customer’s awareness on ITU-T Recommendations implemented in ICT equipment as kind of business-to-customer approach.
8. Please address your questions, if any, to Denis Andreev (TSB, conformity@itu.int).

Yours faithfully,

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