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## Statement regarding European-wide recognition of accreditation

BELAC is the National Accreditation Body appointed by Belgium pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 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. 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) No 765/2008 and is based on a process of peer evaluations amongst EA members.

Based on the EA MLA BELAC has confidence in the accreditation system operated by RvA and considers that the accreditation system operated by RvA is equivalent to BELAC accreditation system.

Under the EA MLA certificates/reports issued by SYNLAB Analytics & Services B.V. accredited by RvA which is also a signatory to the EA MLA are accepted by BELAC as being as reliable as any comparable certificates/reports that have been issued by laboratories accredited by BELAC .

The EA MLA does not establish in any case that accreditation of SYNLAB Analytics & Services B.V. 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 BELAC “validates” “recognizes” or “approves” the accredited laboratories 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.

National authorities in EU/EFTA countries are obliged to recognize the equivalence of services delivered by national 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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