

# Transition guidance on the use of the IAF MLA mark and ILAC MRA marks

## 1. Why this document?

This guidance explains how Accreditation Bodies and Conformity Assessment Bodies can continue using the **IAF MLA Mark** and **ILAC MRA Mark** during the transition to the **Global ACI MRA Mark**.

It is intended to provide **clarity and practical understanding** of the approved transition arrangements.



**Important:** This document should be read together with MRA-006 and its Annex 1, which contain the binding requirements

## 2. What is changing?

Global ACI has:

- become the licensee of the **IAF MLA Mark**
- become the owner of the **ILAC MRA Mark**

At the same time, a new **Global ACI MRA Mark** is being introduced.

## 3. Can the IAF and ILAC Marks still be used?

Yes, during the transition period:

- Accreditation Bodies that were already authorised **before 1 January 2026** can continue **using the IAF MLA and/or ILAC MRA Marks**.
- No new agreements are required for this continued use.
- Existing agreements remain valid **within their original scope and duration**.

## 4. What rules apply during the transition?

The use of the existing marks **does not change**.

It continues to follow the same rules:

- IAF ML 2
- ILAC-R7
- ILAC-P8

**There are no new or relaxed conditions during this period.**



## 5. When do we transition to the Global ACI MRA Mark?

The transition is:

- Event-based
- Economy-specific

The transition happens when:

1. The Global ACI MRA Mark is **legally available in an economy**, and
2. The Secretariat issues formal **notification**

## 6. When do we transition to the Global ACI MRA Mark?

Once notified:

- The IAF MLA and ILAC MRA Marks must no longer be used on:
  - new accreditations
  - renewals
  - reissued or updated documents
- All Full Members must begin using the Global ACI MRA Mark



**Important:** This obligation is triggered by legal availability and Secretariat notification, not by signing the agreement.

## 7. Do we need to sign anything?

Yes, to use the new mark:

- Submit an example of the **Combined Global ACI MRA Mark**
- Sign the **FMRA-005 Agreement**

## 8. What about existing accreditation documents?

- Documents issued **before the new mark is available** can remain valid
- They can continue to be used **until they are updated or replaced**



**Important:** Any new or updated document must use the Global ACI MRA Mark (once available)

## 9. What about Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs)?

CABs can continue to:

- use the existing IAF/ILAC Marks on outputs issued before the transition

After the new mark becomes available:

- CABs **must not** use the IAF/ILAC Marks on:
  - new reports
  - renewed or updated outputs
- Accreditation Bodies are responsible for guiding CABs on this transition.



## 10. Will recognition be affected?

No.

The GLOBAL-ACI MRA has been established to ensure continuity of international recognition previously provided under the IAF MLA and ILAC MRA frameworks.

During the transition period:

- The use of the IAF MLA Mark and ILAC MRA Mark remains valid for recognition purposes, in accordance with the conditions set out in MRA-006 Annex 1
- Accreditation issued under the GLOBAL-ACI MRA is intended to provide equivalent continuity of international recognition



**Important:** This guidance does not amend national laws or prescribe how recognition is interpreted by regulators or other competent authorities.

## 11. Who is responsible for oversight?

Accreditation Bodies must:

- monitor correct use of the marks
- maintain records
- take action if misuse occurs

Global ACI may request information during the transition period.



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