

The European co-operation for Accreditation

“What is the role of accreditation in the context of
free movement of safe products?”

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Accreditation – confidence in safe products

- Ensures bodies providing testing or certification of products are competent and impartial
 - Is in the public interest
 - Recognises over 19,500 accredited bodies in Europe
 - Uses harmonised, transparent, consensually agreed standards
 - Includes additional requirements if requested
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Accreditation – an enabler of free movement of safe products

- Is a passport to free movement of safe products
 - Utilises EA multilateral mutual recognition arrangement
 - Eliminates duplication
 - Provides consumer confidence, greater understanding
 - “Tested once, accepted everywhere”
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Accreditation – an established system

- European accreditation bodies - independent, impartial, competent
 - Operate systems with equivalent outcomes
 - A Peer Evaluation process and Multilateral Agreement – confidence in reliable results
 - Now both voluntary and regulated sectors
 - Internationally recognised
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Accreditation – building greater confidence

- Wider promotion
 - More recognition from National Authorities
 - One certificate, one mark accepted everywhere
 - Transparent, independent, impartial
 - Consistent, focused marking
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