

# PJLA Update Notification

## **Update Notification # 5**

**Update Notification Release Date:** February 22, 2010

**Form/Procedure/Policy:** SOP-3 Accreditation Symbol Procedure

---

Attention all PJLA Accredited or Applicant Laboratories:

- 1) PJLA has updated our Accreditation Symbol Procedure to add clarification in regards to the format of the Accreditation Symbol. Based on customer feedback, it has been brought to our attention that laboratories utilizing the accreditation symbol may not be using their accreditation number when displaying the symbol on marketing material or reports. Please be aware that this is a requirement and all laboratories should display the accreditation symbol as instructed in the procedure. Additionally, PJLA has modified this procedure to now permit accredited laboratories to display the PJLA colors on their accreditation symbol. Please contact PJLA for the exact color numbers prior to use.
- 2) Since PJLA is now a full MRA Signatory of the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) for both Testing and Calibration we would like to share this with our laboratories. ILAC permits Signatories of the MRA such as PJLA, to allow their accredited laboratories to utilize the ILAC MRA Mark. This mark must be used along with the PJLA Accreditation Symbol and can be placed on items such as: test/calibration reports, marketing material, brochures etc. PJLA encourages laboratories to take advantage of utilizing this mark as it promotes accreditation and ensures traceability throughout the market. The instructions on how to utilize this mark have now been added to (SOP-3) Accreditation Symbol Procedure for your reference. Please note that the requirements for use are different than the PJLA Accreditation Symbol. We are requesting that all laboratories contact PJLA to retrieve an approval prior to utilizing the ILAC MRA Mark.

If you have any questions about the changes listed above, please feel free to contact PJLA headquarters.