

## Worldwide Accreditation Mark



A new international accreditation mark (shown at left) has been registered world wide by the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) for use by accredited laboratories. This international mark is made possible through the Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) that currently exists between fifty-one accreditation authorities in thirty-nine countries, including New Zealand.

Accredited testing and calibration laboratories and radiology services in New Zealand using the new mark will, at a glance, have their test reports and certificates recognised as being accredited anywhere in these countries. Users of endorsed reports will also benefit in having increased confidence that their requirements have been met.

In New Zealand, laboratory accreditation is provided by International Accreditation New Zealand. Currently there are over six hundred testing and calibration laboratories and radiology services accredited by IANZ. Test reports from these laboratories may display the new ILAC-MRA mark alongside the IANZ accredited logo.