



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF HORSERACING AUTHORITIES
AND
GLOBAL ACCREDITATION COOPERATION INCORPORATED**

1. Parties

- a. The International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (**IFHA**) is the global leader for the international sport of thoroughbred racing. The IFHA seeks to promote all facets of the worldwide sport of thoroughbred racing; protect the welfare of the equine and human athletes; and protect and grow its global social and economic significance for current and future generations.
- b. The Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated (**Global ACI**) is the specialised body administering a global Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MRA) among accreditation bodies responsible for accreditation of conformity assessment bodies in the fields of management systems, products, services, process, persons, validation and verification; testing (including medical testing/examination), calibration, provision of proficiency testing, production of reference materials, and biobanking; inspection activities and other similar programs of conformity assessment. Global ACI has, as its objective, the formal recognition of competent conformity assessment bodies, for specified scopes.

(The IFHA and Global ACI are each a **Party** and, together, the **Parties**.)

2. Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) is to continue and enhance the effective collaborative relations between the Parties in respect of horseracing laboratories, including the maintenance of the Global ACI guidance document, Accreditation Requirements and Operating Criteria for Horseracing Laboratories (**Global ACI-TECH-1-001**).

3. Areas of Cooperation

For more than 30 years ILAC-G7, the precursor to Global ACI-TECH-1-001 document, has been extremely valuable in helping achieve greater consistency across horseracing laboratories and, by extension, the horse racing industry's anti-doping efforts. Compliance with the Global ACI-TECH-1-001 document is a requirement for all IFHA Reference Laboratories (as well as all International Equestrian Federation Approved Laboratories), and it is also voluntarily adopted by many other horse racing laboratories around the world. The Global ACI-TECH-1-001 document is increasingly relied upon in more jurisdictions globally.

The IFHA wishes to continue and enhance its collaboration with Global ACI for the ongoing maintenance of Global ACI-TECH-1-001 as an independent, third-party guidance document for horse racing laboratories. The collaboration can also be extended to activities such as training and sharing of experience among assessors when applicable.

3. Implementation and termination

This MoU will enter into force on the date of its signature by the Parties.

This MoU may be terminated by either Party with 60 days' written notice to the other Party.

4. Amendments

The Parties shall review this MoU, including its areas of cooperation, at least every 5 years.

Any variation to this MoU shall only be made by mutual written agreement between the Parties and annexed hereto.

5. Confidentiality

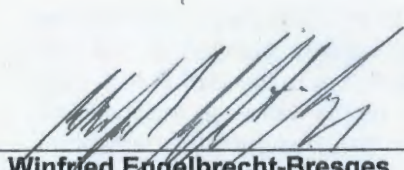
Each Party shall keep all confidential information (which includes any information which shall reasonably be regarded as confidential or is designated in any manner by the disclosing Party as confidential) disclosed by the other Party under this MoU confidential, and only use the same for purposes consistent with its areas of cooperation, or such other purposes as may be agreed by the Party disclosing such confidential information.

A Party shall only disclose confidential information received by it to its employees, officers or professional advisors (including legal advisors) on a strictly need-to-know basis who are subject to same or substantially similar non-disclosure obligations, unless otherwise agreed by the Party disclosing the relevant confidential information.

Neither Party acquires any intellectual property rights in any confidential information disclosed.

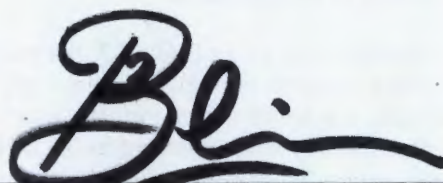
This clause survives termination of this MoU.

Signatures


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13/7/2026


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