

Mérieux NutriSciences Italia has obtained flexible scope of accreditation for the laboratories of Resana, Prato, Volpiano, Cairo Montenotte and Porto Torres (Via Giovanni da Verrazzano)

The sites of Resana, Prato, Volpiano, Cairo Montenotte and Porto Torres (Via Giovanni da Verrazzano) have requested and obtained the flexible scope accreditation for the testing of some food, packaging and environmental matrices based on the ISO/IEC17025 standard. This allows us to rapidly respond to our customers who need new accredited methods and matrices.

The meaning of the accreditation

ISO/IEC 17025 provides an objective third-party assessment of the management and technical competences of testing laboratories, and assures the "precision, accuracy and repeatability" of the analytical results. Thanks to a mutual recognition agreement with the national accreditation bodies in more than 35 countries, this global benchmark means that our clients can have even greater confidence in the validity of our testing results.

What does flexible scope means?

The accreditation is normally specific for a method towards a matrix and a parameter, for example: Matrix: Coffee - Parameter: Lead - Method: Internal method AA rev. 2 of 2014.

This way of describing the scope of accreditation poses limitations because, in the face of any variation or extension, it is necessary that the laboratory submits a specific request to the Italian accreditation body Accredia for the evaluation and approval. Flexible scope of accreditation means a more general description of the field of accreditation, with respect to matrices, parameters or methods. For example: Matrix: Food - Parameter: Metals - Method: Internal method developed by the laboratory.

Benefits for our customers

The introduction of the flexible scope of accreditation allows us to respond more quickly to the needs and demands of our customers and at the same time to cope with the large number of new methods that must be set up in the laboratory. The laboratories in Resana and Prato can now enter new parameters of new matrices considering the accredited parameter, without the prior written permission of Accredia.

The laboratories in Resana and Prato are required to maintain an updated list of methods and their scopes managed under the "flexible scope of accreditation", similar to the list of fixed scope of accreditation. The lists are available to customers in the Accredia's database and include all the tests with the flexible scope that the laboratories are able to offer at the moment.

The tests for which ACCREDIA release accreditation into the flexible scope are indicated under the heading "Flexible scope" and represent a generic description of the accreditation scope regarding materials / matrices / test products, while each specific test inserted by the laboratory is indicated as "correlated test". The details of accredited the matrices, parameters and methods are shown in a specific list separate from that of the fixed accreditation scope, available on the Accredia website

The changes introduced by the laboratory are still subjected to audit by Accredia at the usual annual inspection.

All laboratories in the Mérieux NutriSciences network operate in compliance with ISO 17025:2005 and all the laboratories are accredited by the Italian accreditation body Accredia. For an updated list of accredited tests please use the following accreditation numbers in the Accredia's database: Resana Via Fratta nr. 00051A, Resana Via Castellana (food and non food) nr. 00051B, Prato nr. 00051C, Volpiano nr. 00090H, Resana Via Castellana (environmental) nr. 00090G, Cairo Montenotte nr. 00258A, Porto Torres (Via Giovanni da Verrazzano) nr. 00258B.

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