



August 24, 2017

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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RE: EX PARTE in ET Docket 16-313: Co Application by ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB) for a request to Expand their Scope of Recognition by the FCC, as a Laboratory Accreditation Body to be able to Accredite Laboratories in countries other than the United States (US).

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Cisco Systems, Inc. (Cisco) supports the request by the ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board to expand their scope, to enable them to accredit laboratories to the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025, for FCC certification testing in countries where there is no Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) with the United States.

Cisco is a global leader in development of networking, wireless and security products and solutions. As a leading vendor of IP-based networking technologies, Cisco values accreditation of test labs in support of the application of consistent certification requirements that apply equally to all market participants, and to enhance traceability. Cisco Systems Inc. has a number of World Class EMC (Electromagnetic Compatibility), Radio, OTA (Over the Air), and Safety laboratories, which are accredited for testing Cisco products for US and world markets.

In regards to ANSI-ASQ, its expertise in ISO/IEC 17025, as well as laboratory accreditation and management, makes ANSI-ASQ a strong candidate to extend its expertise in test laboratory accreditations to laboratories located in countries where there is no MRA with the US.

In the future, Cisco hopes that ANSI-ASQ will be able to accredit US-located laboratories so that US lab data is accepted in countries where there is no MRA, such as Brazil or China.

Cisco fully supports the application by ANSI-ASQ to accredit laboratories to ISO/IEC 17025, located in countries where there is no MRA with the US, for FCC certification testing.

Sincerely,

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