

PAS 2012 Technical Interpretation		Interpretation number	022
Title	PAS tests witnessed by other Technical Services.		
PAS Version	Implementation Guide (All versions)		
Clause(s)	Section 4	Witnessed tests	
Enquiry	Section 4.1 of the Implementation Guide, lists a number of PAS 2012-1 tests that need to be witnessed by the appointed Technical Service (VCA). In some cases, (such as for WAVs or WAV "kits" developed overseas), this is not practicable, or the testing has taken place before PAS accreditation has been sought. Can test reports issued by Technical Services other than VCA be accepted for PAS accreditation?		
Decision	<p>Yes - on a case-by-case basis. WAVCA has appointed VCA as the Technical Service for PAS accreditations. As such, the responsibility for the accuracy of the data and any test work underpinning it, rests with VCA.</p> <p>For all PAS subjects, regardless of whether they overlap with EU Type Approval requirements or not, test reports either from a VCA Technical Service or from a Technical Service to another Type Approval Authority, will be acceptable for PAS accreditation.</p> <p>However, all test reports will be subjected to a full technical review by the VCA to ensure they are suitable and that they can take responsibility as the Technical Service. If VCA have any doubt about the technical validity or independence of the report, they will not accept it and they reserve the right to decline reports from specific Technical Services.</p>		
Rationale	<p>The PAS Implementation Guide is publicly available on the WAVCA website and is sent to each applicant for a PAS accreditation at the time they apply. It sets out the process by which a PAS accreditation is obtained. A "pre-meeting" with VCA prior to embarking on the PAS accreditation process is recommended, and a "Worst Case" meeting with VCA to agree the required testing, is a formal requirement. At this point, the manufacturer can discuss any potential non-VCA-issued test reports with VCA and agree in advance, on which tests will be acceptable for PAS accreditation. VCA cannot assume responsibility for the accuracy of PAS data, if they are not free to satisfy themselves of the validity of such data by whatever means are necessary to do so.</p>		
Effective date	18/05/2021	Signed off by: WAVCA Board	