

TECHNICAL CONTROL AND APPROVAL

WHAT IS TECHNICAL CONTROL? A TECHNICAL APPROVAL?

Technical controls are agreements signed between BIPEA and an organization (Ministry, official or professional body, or other), which will deliver a technical approval.

A technical approval is a recognition granted to a laboratory by this organization, for its activities.

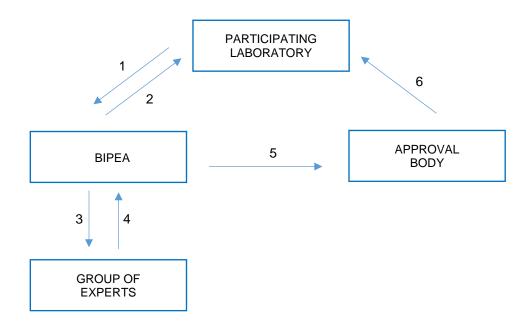
BIPEA does not certify nor recommend a laboratory: we only act as a technical support. The certifying body retains the responsibility of delivering the approval.

After studying the results by a group of experts, we transmit a technical opinion on each laboratory candidate, based on:

- · its regular participation in PT programs,
- · the evaluation of the performance,
- visiting the laboratory

BIPEA can provide technical assistance to laboratories through training sessions, meetings and questionnaires.

TECHNICAL CONTROL: RESPECTIVE ROLES



- 1. Shipment of samples to laboratory for analysis
- 2. The laboratory performs the analysis and transmits its results
- 3. Treatment of the results by the Experts group
- 4. The Experts group submits its conclusions to BIPEA
- 5. BIPEA gives a technical opinion
- 6. The approval body shall decide whether or not to grant the approval.



The participating laboratory:

- Joins the mandatory PT programs (related to the technical control),
- · Accepts the visit of the group of experts in its laboratory,
- Authorizes BIPEA to present its results to the group of experts on an anonymous basis,
- Authorizes BIPEA to communicate the Experts group opinion, to the approval body.

BIPEA:

- Draws up the technical file presented to the Experts group,
- · Organizes the Experts meetings,
- Forwards the Experts group opinion to the approval body.

The approval body:

- Evaluates the admissibility of the participating laboratory,
- Establishes and publishes the list of approved laboratories.

For more information, feel free to contact the scientific and technical department: scientific@bipea.org