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## NJ Labs Adds ISO 17025:2017 Accreditation With Caution To Industry That Certifications Alone Are Not Enough

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New Brunswick, N.J. (Aug. 19, 2021) – [NJ Labs](#) has earned accreditation of ISO/IEC 17025:2017 ([Certificate # L21-360](#)) from Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation, Inc. ([PJLA](#)), for its chemistry and microbiological laboratories. PJLA is a third-party accreditation body offering ISO 17025 to testing and calibration laboratories globally and serves the food, pharmaceutical, cannabis, environmental, medical, automotive and aerospace industries. Accreditation from PJLA means NJ Labs has met the technical and quality benchmarks required for by ISO/IEC 17025:2017.

Amazon heightened the priority of ISO/IEC 17025:2017 when it announced to its sellers of dietary supplements that [ISO accreditation is required](#), along with Current Good Manufacturing Practice (CGMP) in order to sell products on its online retail platform. This has created high demand for ISO certification from testing laboratories, when previously it has not been considered the gold standard in quality.

“It’s important that we have added it because our customers need it, but it’s also important to stress that certifications alone are not enough to guarantee product quality,” said Sandra Lee, CEO of NJ Labs. “Accreditations like ISO effectively cover processes and procedures, yet taken alone, they are not enough because they do not require a level of verification and validation based on a product’s unique formulation and characteristics. To ensure a product is safe and effective for consumers, you must get to this level of due diligence.”

Lee’s warning to companies comes at a time when the supplement industry, including cannabis/CBD, are rushing to market, and regrouping to comply with Amazon’s ISO 17025 requirement. And while ISO does give cannabis and CBD some sort of authority and standard, it is not bulletproof to ensure the product is necessarily safe to go to market.

“I would caution newcomers to the industry to not select an ISO certified testing lab based on speed, convenience or price,” said Lee. “ISO is a good start, but it’s not enough. Companies should achieve other superior third-party certifications including CGMP and USP (United States Pharmacopeial Convention) standards. It’s important for companies to know that their products are going to be consistent, reliable, effective and safe. To do this you need more than ISO, because ISO does not look at the formulation of each unique product, but rather it’s a template approach to verification.”

Now in its 85<sup>th</sup> year of business, NJ Labs has been a trusted leader in the industry with a certified full-service contract analytical testing laboratory that follows strict Current Good Manufacturing Practice (CGMP), FDA/BAM, USP and FCC regulations and methods, and now offers ISO/IEC 17025:2017 accredited testing. To help clients remain innovative and competitive, while still meeting rigorous compliance requirements, NJ Labs continues to expand its wide-range of expertise while developing quality systems grounded in transparency, integrity and honesty.

“Today it’s ISO certification, but tomorrow it could be something entirely different,” said Lee, who is one of the few female CEOs in the analytical testing industry. “Companies do not know what will be coming down the pipeline next, as retailers are a moving target when it comes to setting standards and criteria for products. Your best bet is to go with a trusted, full-service testing laboratory that has a track record for success. A lab that will go beyond testing.”

NJ Labs provides expert analytical chemistry and microbiology testing for the generic pharmaceutical, nutraceutical, dietary supplement, cosmetic, food, dairy and cannabis/CBD industries. Founded in 1936, NJ Labs is an established FDA, DEA, registered and inspected, ISO/IEC 17025:2017 accredited contract laboratory testing in compliance with CGMP standards. Its team of scientists are continually developing and validating methods for raw materials and finished products testing. NJ Labs is at the unique intersection between servicing dietary supplements and pharmaceutical drugs, which allows them to offer their clients a wide range of comprehensive testing and services. Learn more at: <https://njlabs.com>.