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## COMAR publication policy

### Scope

COMAR is an international database for **high-quality matrix CRMs from trustworthy RMPs**. Reference material producers (RMPs) who comply with our publication policy can use COMAR to offer their certified reference materials (CRMs) to the international lab community.

### Requirements

**RM requirements:** materials should be high-quality matrix reference materials (RMs) that have been prepared and certified in line with ISO 17034 (the term *matrix* may not be applicable to all material types);

**RMP requirements:** producers should either hold an ISO 17034 accreditation (for the listed materials), or be a metrology institute / a designated institute (for the listed materials), or be part of the COMAR Consortium as a publicly funded member.

The language used for the RM information provided on COMAR, the RM factsheets, is English.

### Rationale

The COMAR database is issued by a Consortium of organizations that all have responsibilities in their national or regional quality infrastructures. It is part of our task to produce RMs according to the highest standards, and further the use of high-quality CRMs from trustworthy RMPs in our economies. In line with our role in the quality infrastructure, we operate the COMAR database, and aim at keeping up a high level of quality and trustworthiness of the database content.

### Geographic coverage

We welcome RMPs worldwide on COMAR. However, only a number of economies is covered by the members of the [COMAR Consortium](#). RMPs from these economies can contact their COMAR coordinator for further details concerning a listing. RMPs from other economies can contact the secretariat and we will try to find a solution together.

### Responsibilities

The decision for inclusion of an RMP or a specific reference material is taken by the members of the COMAR Consortium in co-operation with the COMAR Secretariat. Any use of the COMAR database is subject to our [Terms of Use](#).