

## DECISION RULES APPLIED BY INTERTEK ITALIA SPA IN THE EXPRESSION OF RESULTS

The laboratory ensures that the expression of the result does not give an erroneous interpretation, applying the following:

**The result in the Test Report is always reported without taking into account the contribution of uncertainty.**

Only when it is expressly requested by the Client the Laboratory express on the Test Report the uncertainty associated with measuring with the same unit of measurement, in accordance with ISO 17025 § 7.8.3.

In the case of an **upper limit**:

*The result should be below this limit.*

1. If the test result is below the limit, the test result shall be considered **acceptable**.
2. If the test result is exactly equal to the limit:  
The test result shall be considered **acceptable** when the limit is set to less than or equal.  
The test result is **NOT acceptable** when the limit is set as lower.
3. If the test result is above the limit, the test result shall be considered **NOT acceptable**.

In the case of **lower limit**:

*The result should be above this limit.*

4. If the test result is above the limit, the test result shall be considered **acceptable**.
5. If the test result is exactly equal to the limit:  
The test result shall be considered **acceptable** when the limit is set to max.  
The test result is **NOT acceptable** when the limit is set as higher.
6. If the test result is below the limit, the test result shall be considered **NOT acceptable**.

