SGS STATEMENT OF IMPARTIALITY

SGS Polska Sp. z o. o. (SGS) as an inspection, certifying, testing and notified body declares that all services are provided in an impartial, independent, objective and ethical manner.

SGS under the business services like inspection and certification has Accreditation Certificates for:
- Type A Inspection Body No. AK 013,
- Product Certification Body No. AC 152, and has the EC notification in the area of the certification of construction products,
- Management Systems Certification Body No. AC 162,
- EMAS Verifier No. PL-V-0018,
- Testing Laboratory No. AB 313 and AB 1232.

SGS Poland Ltd. (SGS) understands the importance of impartiality and potential conflicts of interests carrying out inspection, certification, testing, audit as well as EMAS verification and validation activities according to standards PN-EN ISO/IEC 17020, PN-EN ISO/IEC 17021-1, PN-EN ISO/IEC 17025, PN-EN ISO/IEC 17065-03, PN-EN ISO/IEC 17025.

SGS has a compliance program, based on „Code of Integrity – SGS Principles of professional integrity and conduct” to ensure that the highest standards of integrity are applied to all activities worldwide in accordance with international best practice.

Top Management of SGS Polska Sp. z o. o. inspection body, certification body, testing laboratory as well EMAS environmental verifier, including accredited and notified areas is committed to impartiality.

SGS Polska Sp.z o.o. conducts risk assessment on ongoing basis and, where required, in relation to specific activities or contracts on impartiality and potential conflict of interest, relating to Accredited Inspection, Certification business, Audit as well as EMAS Verification and Validation and laboratory activities, based on the requirements of PN-EN ISO/IEC 17020, PN-EN ISO/IEC 17021-1, PN-EN ISO/IEC 17065-03, PN-EN ISO/IEC 17025.

The risk assessment results are reviewed by the impartiality committees in individual areas of activity.

Conflict of Interest and objectivity is further covered through annual training session and contractually binding agreements to ensure all inspection, certification audits as well as EMAS verification and validation services and testing are conducted in an independent and impartial manner according to standards PN-EN ISO/IEC 17020, PN-EN ISO/IEC 17021-1, PN-EN ISO/IEC 17065-03, PN-EN ISO/IEC 17025.

Furthermore, we declare that for the inspection, certification, audit, testing as well as EMAS verification and validation, including accredited and notified areas SGS Polska Sp. z o.o.:
  a) is impartial, independent and acts as a third party;
  b) does not offer and does not provide any consultancy activities;
  c) offers its services without relationship with companies providing consultations and is not in interrelated with any companies providing consultancy that could jeopardize its perception as an impartial and independent entity;
  d) does not perform dedicated trainings in a way that can jeopardize its perception as impartial and independent entity;
  e) identifies and review potential conflicts of interest arising from the inspection, certification, audit as well as EMAS verification and validation activities according to standards PN-EN ISO/IEC 17020, PN-EN ISO/IEC 17021-1, PN-EN ISO/IEC 17065-03, PN-EN ISO/IEC 17025, including all potential conflicts arising with its links;
  f) ensure impartial, independent and objective engagement of personnel not subject to commercial, financial and other pressure;
  g) make decisions in the inspection, testing, certification, audit, EMAS verification and validation processes conducted on the basis of obtained objective evidence without affecting these decisions of other parties or other interests;
  h) declares that inspection, testing, certification, conducting audits and EMAS verification and validation will not be undertaken in case of an unacceptable threat of impartiality;
  i) declares not conducting internal audits for its certified verified clients;
  j) does not design, manufacture, market and distribute products, processes and services where it conducts inspections, testing, assessments, audits, certifications and conducting EMAS verifications and validations;
  k) declares that all information obtained in the inspection, testing, certification, audit and EMAS verification and validation processes is kept confidential.

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