

ASPIRATA CERTIFICATION POLICY STATEMENT on IMPARTIALITY

At **Aspirata Certification**, impartiality is paramount in fulfilling our management system certification mandate.

To achieve this **Aspirata Certification** shall identify, analyze, evaluate, treat, monitor and document potential sources of conflict of interest that could impact on our provision of certification. **Aspirata Certification** commits itself to manage these possible conflicts to enhance our objectivity and to value our management system certification service. Aspirata will use an Independent Assessor to review the risk and residual risks identified to ensure impartiality is not compromised. This is strengthened through our actions.

Aspirata Certification SHALL NOT:

- a) Provide certification when a relationship poses an unacceptable threat to impartiality
- b) Aspirata Certification and any part of the same legal entity shall not provide management system consultancy to the clients we certify.
- c) Provide internal audits to its certification clients and shall not certify a management system on which it conducted internal audits.
- d) Aspirata Certification shall not provide certification for a period of 2 years where a client has received management system consultancy or internal audits, and where the relationship between the consultant establishment and Aspirata Certification poses an unacceptable threat to the impartiality of the certification service.
- e) Outsource audits to management system consultant establishments
- f) Link its services with the activities of an establishment that provide management system consultancy and will take action to correct inappropriate links or statements by any consultancy organisation stating or implying that certification would be simpler, easier, faster, or less expensive if Aspirata Certification was used
- g) Use any of our personnel or external auditors for two years, where they have been involved in management system consultancy towards the applying client and shall not use such personnel, internal or external, unless they can demonstrate that there is no conflict of interest
- h) All Aspirata Certification personnel or committees, both internal and external, who could influence the certification activities, shall act impartially. They shall not allow commercial, financial, or other pressures to compromise their impartiality.
- i) Aspirata Certification shall not provide certification services to other certification bodies for their quality management system
- j) Aspirata Certification shall record and use this information as input to identifying threats to impartiality raised by the activities of such personnel or by the organizations that employ them.

Aspirata Certification SHALL:

- a) Take action and respond to any threats to its impartiality as a result, of the actions of other persons, bodies, or organizations.
- b) All internal and external personnel shall reveal any situation known to them that may present them or Aspirata Certification with a conflict of interest.



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