

Agenda item 3.2.

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Clarification on Standard: Article 6.4 Accreditation, version 02.0, paragraph 96

Article 6.4 Supervisory Body – 21st meeting

Bonn, Germany, 18 to 21 May 2026



1) Client definition (para 96):

- Accreditation standard:
 - ✓ Para 8(e): the term Client is defined as an activity participant to which a DOE provides a validation, verification and certification service through a contract;
 - ✓ Para 96: [...] The DOE shall not sign a contract with a project developer or consultant being conflict of interest.
- Glossary: Article 6.4 mechanism terms:
 - ✓ “Activity participant” is a public or private entity that participates in an Article 6.4 activity;
 - ✓ “Authorization of activity participants” is authorization of the participation of public or private entity(ies) as activity participant(s) in an Article 6.4 activity.
- In case that there is only one activity participant and this is a project developer or consultant. As per para 96, the DOE is not allowed to sign a contract, which implies this activity will never be able to be validated and/or verified.
- Slide no. 4 for details on AEP 007 clarification and recommendation.



2) Family relationships (para 8(q)):

- AEP 007: It applies to the DOE's top management personnel (i.e. para 8 (z))

3) Expert opinions/advisory services (para 40):

- AEP 007: Such activities are not equivalent to VVCs, since as per Glossary, VVC are to independently evaluate compliance; whereas those activities are relevant to 2nd party audit instead of the 3rd party audit.
- Para 40 is related to prohibited activities of identification, development, financing and consultancy. Then, such prohibited activities do not cover calibrations and inspections, which are to be handled as per para 44 of accreditation standard.

4) Their personnel (para 40):

- AEP 007: It covers internal and external VVC personnel of the DOE and its related body, since DOEs are required to conduct capacity building to provide trainings to its VVC personnel;
- ISO 17029, section introduction and A.1: Requirements are generic in nature and the programme owner is responsible for defining the level of VVC detail beyond the minimum requirements.
- ISO 17021-1, section 5.2.5: The certification body and any part of the same legal entity and any entity under the organizational control of the certification body shall not offer or provide management system consultancy.



AEP 007 clarification and recommendation on the query no. 1

- Recommended that the Supervisory Body consider the clarification related to paragraph 96 and requested the secretariat to incorporate it into future revision of accreditation standard.

Paragraph 96 of the “Standard: Article 6.4 accreditation”, should be read as follows:

The DOE shall not sign a contract with a project developer, financier or consultant being conflict of interest. If the activity has only one Activity Participant authorized by the Host Party and Participating Party, and this Activity Participant is also a project developer, financier or consultant with which a conflict of interest exists, this Activity Participant needs to identify another Activity Participant which is not such project developer, financier or consultant.

- The Supervisory Body may wish to consider:
 - a) The recommendation of the AEP and approve the clarification concerning the “Standard: Article 6.4 Accreditation”, version 02.0, paragraph 96; and
 - b) Provide a mandate to the secretariat to incorporate the clarification into a future revision of the accreditation standard.



Thank you



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