

IMPARTIALITY POLICY

American Center for Sustainable Certifications (ACSC) is committed to providing impartial, technically sound, objective assistance and advice to our customers and other interested parties. Our goal is to provide fairness and equal treatment of all customers, associates and competitors. ACSC understands that perception is critical, and that being perceived as impartial is necessary for a certification body to deliver certification services that provide confidence to our customers and their interested parties.

ACSC recognizes that our primary source of revenue is from valued clients that pay for certification services, which creates a potential threat to maintaining impartiality. Therefore, we establish and maintain multiple controls to ensure decisions are always based on objective evidence gathered during the audit process and that our decisions are not influenced by internal or external interests.

We are committed to conducting business in an ethical and honest manner and to implementing and enforcing systems that prevent bribery and corruption. ACSC strives to act professionally, fairly and with integrity in all business dealings and business relationships. Our customers, employees and those working on our behalf are encouraged to report any threats to impartiality, be it from intimidation (perceived or actual), bribery or corruption.

ACSC will conduct a risk evaluation whenever there is an identified potential or perceived-potential threat against impartiality. We shall not engage in activities that may conflict with our independence of judgement and integrity or allow commercial, financial or other pressures to compromise our decision making.

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