Impartiality Policy

Impartiality is one of the fundamental principles governing the activities of conformity assessment bodies, including certification bodies and validation and verification bodies. Recognizing its importance in auditing, decision-making, certification, validation, and verification activities related to management systems, products, persons, and environmental information statements, the management and personnel of ATC International are committed to upholding the principles of impartiality, confidentiality, and protection of information throughout all organizational activities and processes. Maintaining impartiality and preventing conflicts of interest are integral parts of ATC International's management system and have been incorporated into the design, implementation, and continual improvement of all company processes. Our objective is to provide our service in a fair and impartial manner, conforming to the contractual requirements agreed with our clients and to the controls laid down by all Accreditation Bodies where we operate throughout the world.
In this regard, the most important cases are as follows:

- When providing validation and verification to a client, ATC considers potential threats to impartiality (e.g., self-assessment and familiarity) and manages this risk accordingly.
- ATC International shall rely on the Impartiality Safeguarding Committee to safeguard impartiality and on the Independent Reviewer for independent review and final decisions regarding the issuance or non-issuance of Statements.
- Will not be base financial situation upon only validation and verification actions;
- Will not be too familiar with or trust another person instead of seeking objective evidence at validation and verification;
- Will not issue statement if the relations constitute a threat to impartiality; and
- Will not apply policy of intimidation for own personnel and suppliers.
- ATC activities shall not be marketed or presented as being associated with any organization providing advice.
- If ATC becomes aware of any inappropriate links or announcements made by a consultancy organization stating or implying that validation or verification would be simpler, easier, faster, or less expensive if ATC were used (for example, through a complaint), it shall take appropriate action.
- ATC never states or implies that validation or verification will be simpler, easier, faster or less expensive if a specific consulting organization is used.

ATC shall take action to respond to any threats to its impartiality arising from the actions of other persons, bodies or organizations.
▪ ATC never offers or provides both consultancy and validation verification for the same claim from the same client

Personnel and any partner of ATC International shall NOT under any circumstance:

▪ Provide management system, product certification consultancy or Verification consultancy which includes preparation or production of manuals or procedures or give specific advice to clients.
▪ Offer certification or Verification and validation when relationships that threaten impartiality cannot be eliminated or minimized.
▪ Certify another certification body for management systems.
▪ Certify a client when a relationship with a management systems and product certification consultancy poses an unacceptable threat to impartiality.
▪ Provide an internal audit service to any certified clients by ATC International.
▪ Outsource any audits to a management consultancy company involved in management systems and product certification.
▪ Certify for organizations that are based on familiarity or anything like that, are unacceptable threat to impartiality.

ATC International and its personnel and partners shall commit to the following principles:

▪ Ensuring objectivity in all interactions and processes with impartiality.
▪ Fulfilling our social responsibilities without compromising our independence.
▪ Ensuring fairness in our dealings with interested parties.
▪ Providing services in which we are fully competent and qualified.
▪ Maintaining transparency in all verification and validation processes.
▪ Taking validation and verification decisions independently, without external influence.
▪ Avoiding Validation and verification consultancy and verification or validation for same customer or business referrals.
▪ Ensuring suitable access for our clients regarding validation and verification
▪ Never letting personal or financial interests interfere with validation or verification decisions.
▪ Refraining from using financial or positional advantages to compromise impartiality.
▪ Ensuring verification or Validation is not based solely on financial outcomes.

▪ Ensuring impartiality through unbiased Audit, verification and validation processes and competent evidence collection.
▪ Not carrying out validation or verification where relationships create conflicts of interest.

The employees of this company must:
▪ Declare any reported or observed conflicts of interest as soon as possible.

▪ Consider all work processes with respect to impartiality and independence at the beginning of each topic as input.

ATC International evaluate all risks relating to conflict of interest according to the requirements of ISO/IEC 17021 & ISO/IEC 17065& ISO/IEC 17029 with ISO 14065 and analyzed and documented continuously as well as doing activity of issue the certificate or statement with design and implementation of different procedures in full impartiality and perform a realistic audit and selection of competent and impartial auditors. CEO has responsibility for protection and satisfies the impartiality of all processes overall.
For any threats to impartiality that are discovered or reported, then the impartiality committee shall be informed, and responses shall be made and communicated.
This policy is necessary for all employees and stockholders of ATC International and in terms of adequacy and effectiveness in Impartially committee meeting and or in the appropriate time will be investigated.

Sincerely;
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CEO