



**CLARIFICATION REGARDING UTILIZATION OF LABORATORY SERVICES  
FOR MONITORING AND DETERMINATION OF EMISSION REDUCTIONS OR  
ENHANCEMENTS OF REMOVALS**

**I. BACKGROUND**

1. Paragraph 2 of appendix A to the annex to decision 9/CMP.1 stipulates the following operational requirements as a part of the requirements for an independent entity (IE) to be accredited by the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC):

- (a) Work in a credible, independent, non-discriminatory and transparent manner, complying with applicable national law and meeting, in particular, the following requirements:
  - (i) An applicant independent entity shall have a documented structure, which safeguards impartiality, including provisions to ensure the impartiality of its operations
  - (ii) If it is part of a larger organization, and where parts of that organization are, or may become, involved in the identification, development or financing of any Article 6 project, the applicant independent entity shall:
    - Make a declaration of all the organization's actual and potential Article 6 activities;
    - Clearly define the links with other parts of the organization, demonstrating that no conflicts of interest exist;
    - Demonstrate that no actual or potential conflict of interest exists between its functions as an accredited independent entity and any other functions that it may have, and demonstrate how business is managed to minimize any identified risk to impartiality. The demonstration shall cover all potential sources of conflict of interest, whether they arise from within the applicant independent entity or from the activities of related bodies;
    - Demonstrate that it, together with its senior executive and staff, is not involved in any commercial, financial or other processes which might influence its judgement or endanger trust in its independence of judgement and integrity in relation to its activities, and that it complies with any rules applicable in this respect.

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2. If a laboratory related to an accredited IE (AIE) has provided services for the monitoring of a project implemented under the verification procedure under the JISC, the same AIE cannot provide services of determination regarding emission reductions or enhancement of removals (hereinafter referred to as verification) for the same project. In the same context, for a given project an AIE performing the verification function cannot use services of a laboratory involved in the monitoring activity. Only in exceptional cases these combinations may be accepted by the JISC taking into consideration the specific nature and requirements of the project.

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