



Impartiality Policy

Personnel of the Sierra Leone Standards Bureau (SLSB) are aware of the importance, fulfilment, and requirements of this Impartiality Policy in certification activities to eliminate conflict of interest and strengthen the integrity and acceptability of the system.

Our impartiality commitment is embedded in our employment and subcontractor agreements. All personnel (employees and subcontractors) have signed this agreement. Employees and Subcontractors know the requisite procedures involved and shall inform us about any situation that could be considered a threat to our impartiality. This impartiality policy is published on the SLSB MSCB website.

SLSB impartiality commitment has considered and applied ISO impartiality situations as follows:

- SLSB does not permit financial or other pressures in the certification or otherwise of a company and thereby compromise impartiality.
- SLSB uses Risk Analysis to identify risks for possible conflict of interest presented during our certification services and to eliminate or minimize them.
- SLSB does not provide services of:
 - Design, manufacturing, installations, distribution or maintaining the certified product;
 - Design, implementations, operations or maintaining the certified process;
 - Design, implementation, provision or maintaining the certified service;
 - Consultancy to the clients; management system consultancy or internal auditing to the clients where the certification scheme requires evaluating the client's management system.
- SLSB does not state or imply that certification would be simple, easy, faster or less expensive if a specified consultancy organization is used.
- The SLSB certification process does not select auditors who perform consulting services or worked for the company in the previous two years.
- SLSB does not certify activities or systems of other certification bodies.
- SLSB does not subcontract auditing services to a consulting or certification body.
- SLSB does not provide any service that creates a threat to impartiality; we will take the necessary actions to eliminate such threats.
- SLSB has an impartiality committee that enforces this impartiality policy.

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