

Impartiality policy

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- 1. All our validation/verification activities are undertaken impartially.
- 2. It is a mandatory requirement of our system, before undertaking any validation/verification activity, we will review all matters that could affect the impartiality of the outcome.
- 3. We are responsible for the impartiality of our validation/ verification activities and do not allow commercial, financial or other pressures to compromise our impartiality.
- 4. We will monitor our activities and our relationships to identify threats to our impartiality.
- 5. The identification of threats to impartiality can include balanced consultation with appropriate interested parties, with no single interest predominating.
- 6. If handled correctly, just because we have a prior relationship with the client is not necessarily a threat to impartiality.
- 7. If a threat to impartiality is identified, its effect is eliminated or minimized so that our impartiality is not compromised.
- 8. When providing both validation and verification to the same client, we consider the potential threat to impartiality (e.g. self-review and familiarity) and manage this risk accordingly.
- 9. The reviews and decisions following validation/verification activities are made by personnel different from those who carried out the validation/verification processes.
- 10. We do not offer or provide both consultancy and validation/verification for the same claim from the same client.
- 11. When there is an unacceptable threat to impartiality, we are not providing validation / verification activities to clients who have received consultancy relating to the same claim.
- 12. This policy will be publicly available demonstrating that we understand the importance of impartiality in carrying out our validation/verification activities and manage our conflicts of interest to ensure objectivity.
- 13. This Policy will be reviewed annually.

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