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**SNAS POLICY ON ACCREDITATION OF
ENVIRONMENTAL VERIFIERS**

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PURPOSE:

This prescription delineates SNAS policy on accreditation of environmental verifiers.

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SNAS POLICY ON ACCREDITATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL VERIFIERS

1. Assessing environmental verifiers seeking accreditation for verification of environmental statements and environmental management systems and audit, SNAS is governed by provisions EP and C Regulation No. 761/2001 enabling voluntary participation in environmental management and audit scheme of the Community (Regulation hereinafter), of the Act No. 491/2005 Coll. on environmental verification and registration in European Community scheme for environmental management and audit as amended (Act hereinafter) and relevant Methodological Guidelines issued by SNAS.
2. SNAS accredits both physical persons – individuals and legal persons – organizations.
3. Environmental verifier – physical person or organization has, in compliance with the Regulation, to meet minimal requirements for technical proficiency scope. Examination for verification of technical knowledge of the applicant is, according to the Act, a separate part of accreditation procedure. A physical person, a holder of technical proficiency certificate, is in compliance with the Act, authorized to perform verification activity in cooperation with an accredited environmental verifier only.
4. Environmental verifier has to be independent (particularly upon auditor or consultant), impartial and objective.
5. Environmental verifier has to ensure that no commercial, financial or other pressure is exerted on him (as a physical or legal person) which could influence his judgment or compromise confidence in independence of his judgment and integrity as for his performance and observing all relevant valid rules.
6. Environmental verifier has to have documented methodologies and procedures for verification of the Regulation including mechanisms of flexible quality management and provisions for confidentiality maintenance.
7. If the environmental verifier is an organization, it has to have an organization chart with specification of its structure and responsibilities including a statement on legal status, ownership and financial sources; on request, the organization has to submit the chart.
8. If an environmental verifier carries out also other activities than verification of environmental statements and environmental management systems and audit he has to demonstrate meeting conditions of impartiality and objectivity it means to demonstrate that other carried out activities do not compromise verification results.

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2 RELATED DOCUMENTS

ISO/IEC 17011 General Requirements for Accreditation Bodies Accrediting CABs

SNAS Quality Manual

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