

Additional statements related to independence and impartiality

There is a legally enforceable agreement between TN CERT and the subsidiary.

The subsidiary conforms to the applicable requirements including legal status, impartiality competence requirements, process requirements and with the CB's management system, to the extent that the subsidiary is involved in the delivery of conformity assessment services.

The subsidiary operates within and according to the TN CERT QMS.

There have been no situations that might put the credibility of accredited certification into question.

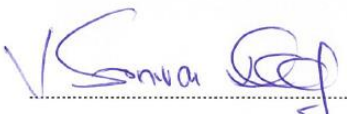
There has been no negative publicity: i.e. issues raised by media organizations regarding a particular product, organization or entity, with relation to specific technical areas; problems identified through social networking sites, specific negative feedback from NGOs regarding the performance of accredited certification.

There have been no interventions from regulators and negative feedback from regulators to the subsidiary about evidenced risks to impartiality.

There have been no concerns that regulatory requirements, especially in regulation-sensitive management systems such as FSMS, EMS or OHSMS are not adequately audited, particularly if there is a direct impact on people's health or safety.

Note: *Sections on ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 ISO/IEC 17029:2019, ISO/IEC 17020:2012, ISO/IEC 17065:2012, ISO/IEC 17025:2017, ISO 14065:2020 and ISO/IEC 17024:2012 in this statement which might not be applicable to some subsidiaries. You may delete those sections.

The signature of the Managing Director or Deputy Managing Director confirms full compliance with the above statement.



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