



IMPARTIALITY STATEMENT

QSI Top Management declares and commits that:

- ✓ QSI commits to conducting certification and validation/verification activities independently from all relevant parties.
- ✓ QSI officials and staff will work free from any form of commercial, financial, or other pressures that could influence the outcomes of the certification and validation/verification process.
- ✓ All employees will refrain from any behavior that could damage the reputation and integrity of organizations seeking certification, greenhouse gas validation/verification services, or those having commercial relationships with QSI.
- ✓ Within the scope of certification and validation/verification activities, no subjective or biased interpretations or evaluations will be made. Any behaviors that could negatively affect organizations will be avoided, and impartiality and independence will be maintained.
- ✓ Committees within the certification and validation/verification framework, Decision Makers, and Approvers will operate independently from any commercial, financial, or other pressures that could affect their decisions.
- ✓ QSI employees and individuals acting on their behalf will not provide consultancy services to organizations that have been certified or verified for greenhouse gas emissions.
- ✓ QSI employees will not engage in any activities that conflict with the independence of system certification, halal certification, product certification, and greenhouse gas validation/verification activities.
- ✓ During system certification, halal certification, product certification, and greenhouse gas validation/verification processes, QSI will refrain from establishing relationships with rival organizations concerning customers' management systems and greenhouse gas declarations.
- ✓ All relevant parties will have access to the provided system certification, halal certification, product certification, and greenhouse gas validation/verification services. In such cases, unnecessary financial burdens or other conditions will not be imposed, and all rules and documents to be followed will be applied without discrimination.
- ✓ All acquired information during certification and greenhouse gas validation/verification activities will be kept confidential, and compliance with existing accreditation laws, regulations, and notifications will be ensured at all levels of QSI, including Committees and individuals acting on their behalf.
- ✓ Information regarding certified products or organizations undergoing greenhouse gas validation/verification will not be disclosed to third parties without the written consent of the relevant organization. If such information is required to be disclosed to third parties due to legal, regulatory, or notification requirements, the organization will be informed in accordance with the relevant laws, regulations, and notifications.
- ✓ The confidentiality and security of all information, documents, and records related to organizations will be maintained.
- ✓ No geographical restrictions will be imposed during the presentation of system certification, halal certification, product certification, and greenhouse gas validation/verification services.
- ✓ QSI will compensate for any proven damages caused by QSI.
- ✓ For the operation of the certification and greenhouse gas validation/verification system, the necessary financial resources, apart from professional liability insurance, will be continuously protected, including support from company partners' personal assets, to ensure its continuity.
- ✓ Organizations or products owned or associated with QSI's owners will not be certified, and greenhouse gas validation/verification services will not be provided.
- ✓ In the operations of organizations owned or associated with QSI's owners, a competitive environment with QSI will not be created, and impartiality and independence will be maintained.
- ✓ The utilization of services will not depend on the size of the applying organization, its membership in any association or group, or the number of certified/verified organizations.
- ✓ Individuals within the pool of auditors/verifiers/technical experts for audits and validation/verifications will never act outside the rules of audits and validation/verification. All necessary measures will be taken for this purpose.

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✓ No privileges will be granted to associations, societies, and civil organizations to which QSI's owners are members.

In accordance with this statement;

- ✓ QSI does not certify organizations or products owned or associated with QSI's owners and does not provide greenhouse gas validation/verification services.
- ✓ QSI does not certify another certification body for quality management system certification activities.
- ✓ QSI does not provide greenhouse gas validation/verification services to another certification/validation/verification body.
- ✓ QSI does not provide consulting services for management systems, halal certification, product certification, or greenhouse gas emissions.
- ✓ QSI does not propose or conduct internal audits for customers it has certified or provided greenhouse gas validation/verification services and does not perform internal audits.
- ✓ QSI does not certify organizations that have received consultancy services for management systems, halal certification, and product certification or have prepared greenhouse gas reports/monitoring plans where there is a potential threat to QSI's impartiality due to the consultancy relationship.
- ✓ QSI has no relation regarding ownership, management, administration, personnel, shared resources, financing, or contracts with any consultancy organizations.
- ✓ QSI does not use management system, halal certification, product certification, and greenhouse gas emissions consultancy organizations as external sources for its audit and validation/verification activities.
- ✓ QSI's certification and validation/verification activities are not marketed or offered in connection with management system, product certification, or greenhouse gas emissions consultancy organizations.
- ✓ In case inappropriate claims are made by consultancy organizations using QSI's name, indicating that certification and validation/verification will be simpler, easier, faster, and cheaper, QSI will take all necessary measures, including legal actions, to rectify the situation.
- ✓ QSI will not assign any employees who have been involved in providing consultancy services for a period of 2 (two) years after the end of the consultancy in management system, halal certification, and/or product certification activities, to audit or other certification activities, to ensure the absence of conflicts of interest.
- ✓ QSI will not assign any employees who have been involved in providing greenhouse gas consultancy services for a period of 3 (three) years after the end of the consultancy in validation/verification or other validation/verification activities, to ensure the absence of conflicts of interest.
- ✓ QSI has taken assurance measures through contracts to ensure that all personnel or committees, internally or externally, whose activities could impact certification and validation/verification activities, act impartially. Additionally, no form of commercial, financial, or other pressures that could jeopardize impartiality is tolerated.
- ✓ QSI has taken all necessary measures to ensure the preservation of impartiality and independence.
- ✓ QSI requests all internal or external personnel to report any situations that may place themselves or QSI in a conflict of interest. QSI will use such reports as input for risk analysis to identify threats to impartiality caused by the activities of such personnel or organizations.

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