

**Conditions and Criteria for Recognition of Certification Bodies for the ENERGY
STAR® Program
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1. a)

Include after “(IAF) Multilateral Recognition Agreement (MLA) the following test *“that covers accreditation of product certification bodies”*

1. a) iv) Include after “suspending” the word “reduction”

New - 1 a) vi) Have a legally enforceable agreement for the provision of certification activities to its clients. Contract and agreements for certification shall take into account the responsibilities of the parties.

1 c) Change ...all relevant aspects to “the following documents shall be sent to EPA for its review”

- i) Copy of the legally enforceable agreement for the provision of certification activities to its clients
- ii) Procedure that describes the certification program
- iii) Procedure for management of competencies of personnel involved in the certification process;

1 d) Note: Change to:

The certification body shall maintain (through publications, electronic media or other means) and make available a directory of certified products on request.

1 h) Change “product certification” to “product certified”

New 1 i) The certification body shall be responsible for the impartiality of its certification activities and shall not allow commercial, financial or other pressures to compromise impartiality.

a) The certification body shall identify risks to its impartiality on an ongoing basis. This shall include those risks that arise from its activities, from its relationships, or from the relationships of its personnel (for example over-familiarity between its personnel and the client). However, such relationships do not necessarily present a certification body with a risk to impartiality.

NOTE A relationship that threatens the impartiality of the certification body can be based on ownership, governance, management, personnel, shared resources, finances, contracts, marketing (including branding), and payment of a sales commission or other inducement for the referral of new clients, etc.

b) If a risk to impartiality is identified, the certification body shall be able to demonstrate how it eliminates or minimizes such risk to an acceptable level. This information shall be made available to the EPA ENERGY STAR program and the Accreditation Body.

New 1 j) The personnel of the certification body (internal or external) shall be competent for the functions they perform, including making required technical judgments, framing/defining policies and implementing them or completing a formal agreement which places them within the management control and systems/procedures of the certification body.

2) ENERGY STAR QUALIFICATION

Change title to “ENERGY STAR Initial Evaluation”

2) a) i)

Change”qualification by assessing” to “Initial evaluation by assessing“

3) ENERGY STAR Verification

Change the title to “ENERGY STAR Evaluation”

Change all references to “Verification to Evaluation“

Appendix A: Requirements for the operation of a Supervised Manufacturer’s Testing Laboratory (SMTL) or Witnessed Manufacturer’s Testing Laboratory (WTML) program

1) a) include afterare properly trained and qualified the following text:

“When the certification body decide that one or more requirements of the ISO/IEC 17025 is not applicable, it shall establish the rational that no adverse impact on the competence, consistency and impartiality of the impartiality of the certification body’s operation of the certification Energy STAR certification Scheme has resulted.”