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IMPARTIALITY POLICY

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This document defines the policy of the State Enterprise "BSCA" (hereinafter – BSCA) on the impartiality and objectivity in the accreditation activities.

Impartiality is one of the basic principles of the BSCA accreditation activities.

BSCA complies with the requirements to impartiality established in GOST ISO/IEC 17011-2018 "Conformity Assessment. Requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies".

The structure and management of the BSCA is arranged in such a way that impartiality is ensured and there is no commercial, financial or other pressure that could be threat to impartiality.

BSCA undertakes to take measures to ensure impartiality in the accreditation activities and manages any conflict of interests, including potential, in order to ensure objectivity and impartiality of the accreditation services.

Impartiality committee of the BSCA monitors compliance with the accreditation principles in the accreditation activities, as well as in the development of policies and procedures of the BSCA management system. The impartiality and independence of the Impartiality Committee is determined by its composition, which ensures a balanced representation of interested parties without any one party dominating. On the same principle, the composition of technical committees for accreditation is formed.

BSCA does not offer or provide any services that may call into question the impartiality of accreditation activities: conformity assessment activities; advising on accreditation or preparation for accreditation of conformity assessment bodies.

BSCA fulfils the following functions, which are not considered to be threat to impartiality:

- Arrangement and participating as lecturers in trainings and conferences, providing these programs are limited to overall information available for public use. BSCA does not give precise decisions to the conformity assessment body regarding the activities of this organization
- Enhancement of efficiency through identifying enhancement opportunities since they become vivid during the assessment; but restriction to give precise decisions
- Advising other accreditation bodies on issues related to the accreditation process;
- Advising scheme owners on issues related to accreditation requirements, including the requirements of relevant standards for conformity assessment.

BSCA guarantees impartiality in the accreditation activities by all BSCA personnel (including involved experts, members of technical accreditation committees) thought undertaking obligations to disclose any potential conflicts of interest that may arise in the accreditation activities. Accreditation decisions are made by competent persons who have not participated in the competence assessment of the conformity assessment body the decision on which is being made.

The policies and procedures of the BSCA and their management are non-discriminatory. BSCA provides access to the BSCA services on the BSCA official website at www.bsca.by. The right of access to the BSCA services does not depend on the size of

the conformity assessment body, its membership in any association, as well as on the number of accredited conformity assessment bodies in the declared scope.

BSCA continuously evaluates potential risks to impartiality by the implementation of the risk management framework that is reviewed annually during Management reviews and is improved.

If risks to impartiality are identified, BSCA documents them and take measures to eliminate or minimize risks and also document any residual risk. This process involves identifying and consulting relevant stakeholders with issues. This process includes the identification of and consultation with relevant interested parties on issues related to impartiality, including openness and public opinion.