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# PEFC schemes and IAF endorsement

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*Ensuring competent assessment and  
certification by signatories to the IAF MLA  
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# Verifying, conformity and impact

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*PEFC as scheme owner*

- *Single global scheme*

*or*

- *National schemes being benchmarked*



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# Endorsement of the PEFC scheme by IAF



## IAF PL3 - IAF Requirements

- a) Evidence of the scheme owner representing a substantial part of the affected sector and market impact of the sector scheme.
- b) Evidence that normative document(s) of the sector scheme (e.g. for specific product, management system and/or persons) are based upon publicly available normative documents , which has(have) been developed and will be reviewed and updated as required at appropriate intervals in an open and transparent manner, is(are) set out preferably in separate normative documents from the conformity assessment requirements, in order to assist transparency, non-discrimination and open competition among conformity assessment through a consensus process involving participation by interested parties and is publicly available.



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- c) Evidence that the sector scheme has clear international, regional or national market support.
- d) Evidence of operating and administering in an open, non-discriminatory and transparent manner, avoiding conflicts of interest or limitation on the acceptance of conformity assessment bodies or accreditation bodies other than relevant technical considerations.
- e) Evidence that the sector scheme is based on the international standards for accreditation of conformity assessment bodies without any requirements which either contradict or exclude any of the requirements of the relevant accreditation standard.

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## Policy Declarations

- a) Intends to make effective use of the expertise of IAF MLA signatories and the value of the IAF world-wide MLA.
- b) Intends to use IAF application documents, with specific requirements for accreditation bodies and conformity assessment bodies which are prepared by IAF in co-operation with the scheme owner, where such documents are required as determined by IAF.
- c) Intends to involve the accreditation bodies which are signatories of the IAF MLA in the operation of the scheme.



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- d) Agrees to make all normative documents relevant to its sector scheme available at a fair and reasonable cost for Members of IAF and their applicants/accredited bodies to adopt into their accreditation/conformity assessment programs.
- e) Understands what IAF can and can not provide
- e) Agrees to contribute to the development of specific requirements for accreditation bodies and conformity assessment bodies for the sector scheme if needed.

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## Specific Requirements

- a) Specific requirements for accreditation bodies and conformity assessment bodies prescribed by the sector scheme (if any).
- b) Need for IAF to develop specific requirements for accreditation bodies and conformity assessment bodies for the sector scheme.
- c) scheme owner liaison representative's name and contact details.
- d) scheme owner agrees to provides new draft version document(s) with a gap analysis and proposed transition plan for implementation of the new version document(s) to IAF in order to allow IAF to make sure, that the scheme continues to comply with the requirements in PL3.



## Definition of the PEFC scheme

- endorsement as single global scheme – with some national differences – PL3 (example IECEE)
- endorsing national schemes (likewise GFSI) individually based on PEFC benchmarking process
- Definition of AB assessors competence versus team competence





Thanks much – questions?



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