**EKO-Guarantee POLICY ON IMPARTIALITY**

**EKO-Guarantee** top management is committed to impartiality in its activities for certification and inspection of NON-GMO production and shall not allow commercial, financial, or other pressures to compromise impartiality.

**EKO-GUARANTEE** understands the importance of impartiality in carrying out its certification and inspection activities, manages conflict of interest and ensures the objectivity of its certification and inspection activities.

**EKO-Guarantee**, under **NO** circumstances:

1. **Shall provide** consultancy which includes: preparation or production of manuals or procedures, or give specific advice, instructions or solutions towards the development, structure and implementation of a certification and inspection systemfor organic production.
2. **Shall offer** certification when relationships that threaten impartiality cannot be eliminated or minimized.
3. **Shall certify** an operator when a relationship with a consultancy organization poses an unacceptable threat to impartiality.
4. **Shall provide** an internal audit service to any certified operator.
5. **Shall outsource** any inspection to a management consultancy company involved in management systems as described within the scope of these scheme rules.
6. **Shall have** within any marketing materials any linkage to consultancy.
7. **Shall allocate** any inspector(s) to inspect any operator scheme where the inspector(s) have also provided training for operator requesting the inspection.
8. **Shall be directly involved** in the design, manufacture or construction, the marketing, installation, use or maintenance of products, nor represent the parties engaged in those activities.
9. **Shall engage** in any activity that may conflict with independence of judgement or integrity in relation to its certification and inspection.
10. **Shall pay** auditors on the basis of the number of inspections done.

For any threats to impartiality that are discovered or reported, consultation shall be held with appropriate interested parties to advice on matters affecting impartiality, including openness and public perception. The consultation shall be balanced with no single interest predominating. .