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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This document sets out the Code of Ethics (“the Code”) that are binding on all AFRAC Members (Arrangement, Full, Associate and Stakeholder. It is a statement of the way in which AFRAC members are to conduct themselves in an ethical manner. Accreditation bodies should recognise this code as a set of principles guiding their professional conduct.
- 1.2 The underlying principle of the Code is that AFRAC members will strive to perform their duties in accordance with the highest ethical standards of honesty, integrity, fairness, confidentiality and independence, and will actively seek to prevent the development or acceptance of unethical practices.
- 1.3 AFRAC members will strive to act in accordance with the highest standards of personal and professional integrity, in the course of their association with AFRAC, and while representing AFRAC at all levels.

2. APPLICATION

This Code of Ethics is binding on all AFRAC Members namely Arrangement, Full, Associate and Stakeholder.

3. CODE OF ETHICS

- 3.1 The AFRAC Member shall at all times comply with its own policies, procedures and operational rules, and with those of AFRAC as set in the AFRAC Rules and this Code of Ethics. In addition, signatories to the AFRAC MRA shall comply with the additional requirements of the MRA and the related MRA documents.
- 3.2 Each Member of AFRAC shall conduct themselves in a manner that will reflect positively upon itself, laboratory, inspection or certification body, AFRAC and the AFRAC MRA. An AFRAC Members shall not actively solicit clients from other accreditation body members by offering inducements or advantages not available to all its clients, or by disparaging or misrepresenting the accreditation processes of those other members.
- 3.3 An AFRAC Member that is not a signatory to the AFRAC MRA shall not use its self-declaration of compliance with relevant international standards as recognition by AFRAC of any such compliance. An AFRAC member that is not a signatory to the AFRAC MRA shall not take any actions that state or imply that membership is equivalent to AFRAC MRA signatory recognition.
- 3.4 An AFRAC MRA signatory shall make statements only in accordance with the scope of the purpose or scope of the MRA.
- 3.5 When AFRAC Members use the AFRAC logo they shall comply with the guidelines for the use of the AFRAC logo.

4. BREACHES OF THE CODE

- 4.1 Alleged breaches of the Code have to be reported to the AFRAC Secretariat and dealt with by AFRAC following AFRAC’s Appeals and Complaint Handling Procedure.