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**SNAS POLICY FOR ACCREDITATION
OF GREENHOUSE GAS VERIFIERS**

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PURPOSE:

This document determines the SNAS policy for accreditation of greenhouse gas verifiers.

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0 INTRODUCTION

With the coming into force of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 600/2012 on the verification of greenhouse emission reports and tonne-kilometre reports and the accreditation of verifiers according to Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (further on only Regulation) an overall framework of rules for accreditation was set up with the aim of ensuring that the verification of greenhouse gas emission reports of operators of stationary technological installations or operators of aeroplanes within the system of trading with greenhouse gas emission quotas in the EU is performed by verifiers who are technically competent to carry out the entrusted task in an independent and impartial way and in compliance with the requirements and principles laid down in this Regulation.

The Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic (further on only “MŽP SR”), in compliance with the stipulation of Article 54 paragraph 1 of the Regulation, appointed the Slovak National Accreditation Service (further on only “SNAS”), according to Article 24 paragraph 1 letter a) of the Act on trading emission quotas approved by the Decision of the Slovak Government No. 613 of 7.11.2012, as the national accreditation body.

MŽP SR further determined that SNAS will perform accreditation for the following scope of activities according to Annex I of the Regulation: 1a, 1b, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 with the exception of the production of adipic acid (CO₂ a N₂O emissions), the production of glyoxal and glyoxylic acid (CO₂ and N₂O emissions) and the production of caprolactam, 10, 11, 12 and 98.

European Cooperation for Accreditation has begun the process of including a new main field of EA MLA (Multilateral Agreement) – Verification, based on the EN ISO 14065 Standard, also taking into account additional requirements of the Regulation and has thus allowed EA members to join MLA in this field. The results of activities of greenhouse gas verifiers accredited by SNAS have thus become recognized within Europe on the basis of multilateral agreements on mutual recognition signed between SNAS and EA (European Co-operation for Accreditation) – EA MLA.

1 SNAS POLICY FOR ACCREDITATION OF GREENHOUSE GAS VERIFIERS

- 1.1 During the accreditation of greenhouse gas verifiers, who can be legal or physical persons, SNAS assesses and confirms the competence of the verifier to perform verification of greenhouse gas emissions in compliance with the Regulation.
- 1.2 During accreditation of greenhouse gas verifiers SNAS assesses the fulfilment of the stipulations of the EN ISO 14065 Standard: Greenhouse gases. Requirements for validation and verification bodies for use in accreditation or other forms of recognition.

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The verifiers seeking confirmation of competence to perform verification of greenhouse gas emission must meet the requirements of the EN ISO 14065 Standard as it is specified in the Regulation, in international standards and mandatory application documents of international organizations uniting accreditation bodies.

- 1.3** Witness assessments are part of the assessment of an applicant for accreditation in this field and they are performed in the form of observation of the greenhouse gas verifier during the performance of verification on the customer's premises. The condition for granting accreditation is the performance of a minimum of one witness assessment. The number of further witness assessments to be carried out depends on the scope of the requested accreditation.
- 1.4** After granting accreditation, SNAS performs planned surveillance every year over accredited greenhouse gas verifiers and during the validity of the accreditation certificate it verifies whether the verifier keeps meeting the accreditation requirements concerning their accredited activity
- 1.5** All principles concerning accreditation given above are also valid for reaccreditation of greenhouse gas verifiers, but for reaccreditation information concerning the accredited verifier gained in the preceding assessments is taken into account.
- 1.6** An extension of accreditation of a greenhouse gas verifier is performed by SNAS in a similar way as given for accreditation.
- 1.7** SNAS can also perform extraordinary surveillance over an accredited greenhouse gas verifier on the initiative of SNAS or a third party or the verifier itself.

2 REFERENCES

ISO/IEC 17011 General requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies

EN ISO 14065: Greenhouse gases. Requirements for greenhouse gas validation and verification bodies for use in accreditation or other forms of recognition

EN ISO 14064-3: Greenhouse gases. Part 3: Specification with guidance for the validation and verification of greenhouse gas assertions

ISO 14066: Greenhouse gases. Competence requirements for greenhouse gas validation teams and verification teams

Commission Regulation (EU) No 600/2012 on the verification of greenhouse gas emission reports and tonne-kilometre reports and the accreditation of verifiers pursuant to Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council

Commission Regulation (EU) No 601/2012 of 21 June 2012 on the monitoring and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions pursuant to Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council

Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 October 2003 establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community and amending Council Directive 96/61/EC

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Act No. 414/2012 Coll. On trading with emission quotas and on amendments to certain laws

MSA-04 Procedure for the accreditation

MSA-V/01 Scope and scope specification of accreditation of greenhouse gas verifiers

MSA-V/02 IAF mandatory document for the application of ISO 14065: 2013 (IAF MD 6: 2014)

MSA-V/03 Witness assessment of greenhouse gas verifiers

MSA-V/04 EA Document for Recognition of Verifiers under the EU ETS Directive (EA-6/03 M: 2013)

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