



1 INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE

This document defines the requirements placed on certification bodies offering assessment/certification in accordance with The CASS Scheme Ltd.

2 REQUIREMENTS ON CERTIFICATION BODIES

2.1 ACCREDITATION

Certification bodies shall be accredited in accordance with EN45011/ISO Guide 65, by an accreditation body that is a member of the IAF (International Accreditation Forum) Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA).

The scope of a certification body's accreditation shall state that it is providing certification in compliance with the methodologies published by The CASS Scheme Ltd.

2.2 CERTIFICATION

Certification bodies shall operate in compliance with the methodologies published by The CASS Scheme Ltd.

2.3 USE OF CASS LOGO

Certification bodies shall use the CASS logo only as specified in The CASS Scheme Ltd "Rules for the Use of The CASS Scheme Ltd Logo". (CASS9)

2.4 PAYMENT OF FEES TO CASS

Certification bodies shall comply with any reasonable rules determined by The CASS Scheme Ltd for the payment of fees that are to be used exclusively for the maintenance or development of The CASS Scheme Ltd. The company undertakes to liaise with certification bodies prior to the introduction of any such rules, and to give at least six months notice of the introduction or increase of any fees payable by certification bodies.

2.5 ASSESSOR COMPETENCE

Certification bodies shall ensure that all assessors used satisfy the competency requirements for accreditation and any specific criteria published by The CASS Scheme Ltd.

2.6 NOTIFICATION OF CERTIFICATE ISSUED

Certification bodies shall provide to The CASS Scheme Ltd copies of all CASS certificates issued. The CASS Scheme Ltd shall use this information to monitor operation of the scheme and treat the information in confidence. Copies of Assessment Reports, etc that may be referenced in certificates are not required.

2.7 FEED BACK

Certification bodies are required to participate in the continuous improvement mechanisms operated by The CASS Scheme Ltd by providing feedback (subject to confidentiality) on any short falls or opportunities for improvement that may be identified.

2.8 DISCLAIMER

All documents issued by The CASS Scheme Ltd are subject to the limitations as described in "The CASS Scheme Ltd Disclaimer" (CASS10)