

Accreditation to verification and validation

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1. Application

1.1 This accreditation regulation applies to DANAK accreditation of companies to validation and verification in accordance with:

EN/ISO 17029:2019 Conformity assessment – general principles and requirements for validation and verification bodies and one or more of below mentioned documents.

- a) EN/ISO 14065:2021 General principles and requirements for bodies validating and verifying environmental information.
- b) EN ISO 14064-3:2019 Greenhouse gases – Part 3: Specification with guidance for the verification and validation of greenhouse gas statements.
- c) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2067 on the verification of data and on the accreditation of verifiers pursuant to Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (AVR).

2. Accreditation scope

2.1 An accreditation scope specifies which services are included in the individual accreditations. The accreditation scope appears from the decision on accreditation and is published on DANAK's homepage.

2.2 The scope of accreditation is defined individually and clearly delimited by stating:

- a) The standards and other normative documents stipulating the requirements.
- b) For accreditation regarding greenhouse gasses according to AVR also the delimitation of production units after activity according to the AVR, Annex 1.
- c) For accreditation of greenhouse gasses according to EN/ISO 14064-1:2019 and EN/ISO 14064-2:2019 the scope is delimited by sectors according to ISO 14066:2023, Table F.1.

3. General requirements

3.1. Applicants and accredited validation and verification bodies must have processes in place to deal with fraudulent behaviour in relation to accredited services when this is detected at their customers. The processes must be able to include allegations of fraudulent behaviour. Failure to handle fraudulent behaviour by customers of validation and verification bodies may result in sanctions as stated in AB 1 regarding fraudulent behaviour by accredited bodies.

3.2. No non-accredited validation or verification may be carried out within the covered accreditation area. This must be implemented by 17 April 2026 at the latest.

4. Performance of verification (only valid for accreditation on the area of greenhouse gas)

4.1 The verification company shall use the interpretation of EN ISO 14065, which is described in IAF MD 6 and for AVR also interpretations in EA-6/03 as well as interpretations in the guidance documents developed by the Commission services to explain the requirements in the AVR.

4.2 The verification company shall use the requirements in ISO 14066:2011 when establishing and maintaining the competence of its personnel.

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5. Information exchange (only applies to accreditation in accordance with AVR)

5.1 According to the AVR, Article 77, the verification company shall, by 15 November each year inform DANAK about the following:

- a) planned time and place of each verification the verification company is to perform
- b) address and contact details of the operators or aircraft operators whose emissions or tonne-kilometre report are subject to verification.
- c) names of audit team members
- d) the activation group or groups included in the operator's activities.

The information from the verification body shall be given to DANAK using the notification template developed by the Commission for that purpose.

Any changes in the information provided shall be notified to DANAK by forwarding of an updated notification template by the 15 December, January and February.

5.2 Each year, by 31 December and updated by 31 January, DANAK drafts an accreditation work programme available to be forwarded to the Danish Energy Agency and Competent Authorities in other Member States, where the verification company is performing verification activities. The accreditation programme is based on the information provided by the verification company.

5.3 Each year by 1 June DANAK will make a management report available to Danish Energy Agency. This report will contain information in relation to each verifier in accordance with the AVR, Article 71(3), about accreditation scope, summarised result of surveillance and reassessment activities, any complaints registered against the verification company and actions taken by DANAK.

6. Administrative measures (only applies to accreditation in accordance with AVR)

6.1 DANAK may in addition to the requirements in AB 1 suspend, withdraw or reduce the scope of an accreditation of a verification body according to AVR, Article 54.

The accreditation will be suspended, or the scope of accreditation limited in one of the following instances:

- serious violation of requirements in AVR
- repeated violations of requirements in AVR
- violation of other specific conditions for accreditation

The accreditation will be withdrawn if

- the verification company omit to rectify the causes for the suspension
- a member of the verification company's top management or personnel who is involved in verification activities has been found guilty in fraud
- the verification company has provided false information or hidden information deliberately

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6.2 Information on any administrative measures imposed to a verification company according to 5.1 is informed to Energistyrelsen, the competent authority and national accreditation body of each Member State, where the verification company is carrying out verification activities, according to the AVR, article 72.

7. Register of accredited verifiers (only applies to accreditation in accordance with AVR)

7.1 Information on accredited verification companies will be published on DANAK web page in accordance with the AVR, Article 75.

8. References

Section 2.2: DS/EN ISO/IEC 17011, 7.8.3; AVR appendix 1

Section 3.1: IAF MD 7

Section 3.2: IAF resolution 2024-19

Section 4.1 and 4.2: EA-6/03 and IAF MD 6 plus guides from the EU Commission

Section 5.1: AVR, art. 77

Section 5.2: AVR, art. 71. 1.

Section 5.3: AVR, art. 71, 3.

Section 6.1: AVR, art. 54

Section 6.2: AVR, art. 72

Section 7.1: AVR, art. 75

Any differences between the Danish and the English version of this document are not intended, but in case of doubt with respect to the correctness the version in Danish should be consulted.