



ISO/CASCO CLARIFICATION REQUEST FORM

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5. Please specify the ISO/CASCO document by name and number (ISO/IEC 17XXX) and clause number: ISO/IEC 17024: Clause 6.1.8: <i>When a certification body certifies a person it employees, the certification body shall adopt procedures to maintain impartiality.</i>
6. Clarification request, please formulate the request clearly and where possible in a format that enables a YES or NO answer: Was the intent of clause 6.1.8 to address unique one-off situations where a certification body has to certify a person it employs because there is a need to employ a certified person on staff and there are no other options for the individual to be certified? Yes. Certifying one's own employees would immediately set up a major conflict of interest. Was the intent of clause 6.1.8 to allow an employer (who is primarily a business and not a certification body) to behave like a certification body and certify its own employees? No. That was not the intent of clause 6.1.8. Is it acceptable within ISO/IEC 17024 for an employer that is not an independent certification body to certify its own personnel? No. ISO/IEC 17024 is a standard for Certification Bodies for Persons, not for employers. Is it acceptable within ISO/IEC 17024 for an employer that is not an independent certification body who meets all other requirements of a Certification Body, to certify its own personnel only ? No. ISO/IEC 17024 4.3.4 states that certification may not be restricted on the grounds of undue financial or other limiting conditions, such as membership of an association or group. If an employer is limiting certification to its own personnel only, this is a limiting condition.

7. Consensus position of the maintenance group (This section is only to be completed by the maintenance group members)

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Is the clarification request formatted in an acceptable manner?	yes	
	no	
Is it clearly and unambiguously worded?	yes	
	no	
Do you have a conflict in participating in this request if so please specify.	yes	
	no	