



CARES Policy Statement

The policy of CARES is to operate in complete accordance with the principles and criteria of the Emirates International Accreditation Centre (EIAC), Hong Kong Accreditation Service (HKAS), the Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand (JASANZ), Raad voor Accreditatie (RvA), the Singapore Accreditation Council (SAC)*, the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS), and the requirements of the relevant conformity assessment standard, ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015, ISO/IEC 17065:2012 and EN ISO/IEC 17029. CARES set objectives for all key functions and reviews performance at regular intervals to identify areas for continual improvement.

CARES support the principles of co-operation and co-ordination with organisations involved with International Certification. This includes participation in those groups established by the European Commission for that purpose, e.g. advisory and sector groups of notified bodies and the European Organisation for Technical Approvals (EOTA). CARES contribute to the activities of professional bodies, trade associations and standards making bodies, both national and international. These active involvements are undertaken to ensure the provision of maximum added value to both the users of the products with which CARES is associated and its direct clients.

CARES are committed to the principles of sustainable development, including inclusivity, integrity and transparency, and shall actively promote those principles through the effective implementation of the CARES sustainable constructional steel scheme which is operated in accordance with BS 8902. Through proactive and frequent stakeholder engagement the Scheme has been specifically developed for the reinforcing steel supply chain using the most relevant performance indicators which shall be publicly reported at least annually. There shall be a full re-appraisal at least every two years in consultation with stakeholders to assess the level of performance by the Scheme against the sustainable development principles. CARES shall ensure that the Scheme steadily improves this level of performance through periodic review of the sustainability principles, responsible sourcing issues, objectives, targets and operational assessment schedules. The overall intent of this is that accredited certification of the reinforcing steel supply chain will deliver an improvement in sustainable development. CARES will endeavour to promote the fulfilment of this intent nationally and internationally.

CARES fully apply the stringent requirements necessary for organisations carrying out third party certification and accept the value of them to the operation of this organisation. In addition to its activities for third party certification under ISO/IEC 17021-1 and ISO/IEC 17065, CARES operates a validation and verification function in accordance with EN ISO/IEC 17029 - Conformity assessment - General principles and requirements for validation and verification bodies. CARES provides independent third-party verification services for the confirmation of claims relating to greenhouse gas emissions and other regulatory or sustainability related assertions, including verification activities carried out in support of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2023/956 and related implementing and delegated acts. Verification activities are conducted in a manner that ensures impartiality, competence, transparency and evidence-based decision making, and result in the issue of a verification statement, rather than a certificate. CARES does not provide advisory or consultancy services relating to the development of claims, methodologies or calculations that are subsequently subject to verification. CARES management system has been established to ensure CARES meets the above requirements.

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*SAC criteria includes SAC 01, SAC 02, SAC CT 01, SAC CT22, SAC CT24 and SAC BC1.