

## DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND IMPARTIALITY

*The Association of Estonian Welders MTÜ (the AEW MTÜ) hereby declares:*

- *The AEW MTÜ is independent of other parties involved in the certification and inspection processes;*
- *The AEW MTÜ is not itself or part of a legal entity that designs, manufactures, supplies, installs, purchases, owns, uses or maintains the inspected items;*
- *The AEW MTÜ has no common ownership with legal entities involved in the design, manufacturing, supply, installation, purchase, ownership, use or maintenance of the inspected items, is not subject to the management of other legal entities, and has no contractual obligations that could influence the results of the certification or inspection;*
- *The AEW MTÜ staff is not engaged in activities that conflict with the independence of their judgment and the integrity of the certification and inspection processes, such as the design, manufacture, supply, installation, purchase, ownership, use and maintenance of inspected items;*
- *The AEW MTÜ does not perform any work or services that could compromise the independence and impartiality of the certification, inspection and conformity assessment processes;*
- *The AEW MTÜ makes decisions based solely on objective data;*
- *The AEW MTÜ does not involve persons who provide consulting services to the Client in certification and inspection;*
- *The AEW MTÜ does not carry out certification and inspection services if the relationship with the Client is a threat to ensure independence and impartiality;*
- *The AEW MTÜ eliminates employee bias and personal gain in certification and inspection processes;*
- *The AEW MTÜ requires employees to report conflicts of interest immediately and ensures that all measures are taken to eliminate them.*

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