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Dear Mr Van der Merwe

Self-assessment

Thank you for your enquiry on self-assessment. Please find below our response.

Question:

Is a procuring entity entitled to require that all its suppliers must be verified by a VA? The Codes indirectly allow for 'self-assessment'. It is my view that neither public, nor private bodies are legally entitled to implement such a requirement without paying for it, but there is widespread unfair practice in this regard.

Response:

A procuring entity can request that their suppliers be verified by a Verification Agency to provide them with a suitable and objective evidence of their BBBEE compliance in terms of the BBBEE Codes of Good Practice.


According to Code 000: Framework for Measuring Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment of the Codes of Good Practice, 2.6 stipulates that: Any representation made by an Entity about its BBBEE compliance must be supported by suitable evidence or documentation. An Entity that does not provide evidence or documentation supporting any initiative must not receive any recognition for that initiative. Verification thus helps to minimize the risks of scorecards inflation, fronting etc.

It is thus at the discretion of the procuring entity whether they accept verified ratings and/ or self assessments in their supplier selection process as long as they are supported by a suitable supporting document or evidence.



We trust that you find the above information in order.

Yours sincerely,



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