ANAB Accreditation Process for Type III Validation and Verification of EPDs by Certification Bodies

Step 1
Eligible Type III Program Operator

The organization that applies for ANAB accreditation is the certification body conducting the verification and validation of EPDs.

Step 2
CB Submits Preliminary Letter of Application

Applicant organization must submit preliminary documentation of the following:
- Confirmation of third-party status
- Proof of ownership of mark or certificate
- Publicly available program documents
- Description of program

Step 3
CB Submits Full Application

• Once accepted as a preliminary applicant, organization submits full application with clearly defined scope of accreditation.
• Application reviewed by ANAB staff for completeness.
• ANAB assigns assessment team and requests applicant’s acceptance.
• Lead assessor and technical expert conduct document review, which is provided to applicant for comments.

Step 4
CB Undergoes Witness and On-site Assessments

ANAB assessment team conducts on-site and witness assessment visits (if applicable).
Note: If identified in PCR requirements, ANAB assessment team shall conduct a witness assessment.
ANAB assessment team posts reports and citations into ANSICA database.

Step 5
Corrective Action and ETG/Committee Review

CB submits corrective action for assessor review.
Assessors review corrective action and either:
• a) request additional action or
• b) close nonconformances.
ANAB staff, assessment team, and ACC Eco-labeling Subcommittee discuss results of assessment and forward recommendation to ANAB Accreditation Committee.

Step 6
Accreditation

Accreditation is granted and accredited organization enters into annual surveillance and reassessment cycle.