BUREAU VERITAS CERTIFICATION

20ᵗʰ April 2022

Dear client,

Sedex is committed to ensuring that every SMETA audit conducted around the world meets the standard of quality laid out by their <u>Audit Quality Programme (AQP)</u>. Based on this very commitment in 2018, Sedex has restricted the use of our SMETA methodology to an approved list of Affiliate Audit Companies able to carry out a SMETA audit.

There are currently a small number of SMETA audits that aren't uploaded to the Sedex platform, limiting Sedex's ability to assess and control audit quality. Consequently, as the next step on their journey of continuous improvement, Sedex is restricting the use of SMETA audits to businesses that are Sedex members only.

<u>From **4 May 2022**</u>, only Sedex members will be allowed to have a SMETA audit (full or follow up) conducted by an Affiliate Audit Company. This means any business that requires an audit must <u>become a Sedex member</u> and activate their account on the Sedex platform.

It means that Bureau Veritas teams will not be able to initiate SMETA audits (and Sedex Virtual Assessments) for non-members. You will find a brochure that explains you the rationale behind this change.

- If you are a Sedex member there will be no impact on the upcoming audits.
- If you are not a Sedex member and already have a non-sedex member account in Sedex platform, your account can be converted into member's account. Any existing information (e.g. audit) in the non-member account will be accessible when that account is active.
- If you are not a Sedex member and your audit have been initiated for non-member's account, if the audit date is after May 5ᵗʰ, the AAC (BV) will deleted the audit for non-member and initiate another audit for a sedex member.
- If you are non a Sedex member and decide not to become one, we (BV) will not be able to keep proceeding with audits which will be cancelled.
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Please feel free to contact us. Thank you for your trust in our service from Bureau Veritas.

Sincerely,

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