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Conflict of Interest Policy

The purpose of this conflict of interest policy is to ensure that BSCG—and the persons who manage and control BSCG—are free of conflicts that could be perceived as affecting the impartiality and neutrality of BSCG and its testing and certification programs. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflicts of interest applicable to organizations like BSCG.

1. Neither BSCG, nor any person who is a principal officer, director, manager, or final-decision maker of BSCG, shall either own, operate, or control any dietary supplement company, including a producer, manufacturer, marketer, processor, or supplier of dietary supplements.
 2. Neither BSCG, nor any person who is a principal officer, director, manager, or final-decision maker of BSCG, shall either own, operate, or control any dietary supplement trade association. (This shall not prevent BSCG and any affiliated persons from taking part in dietary supplement trade associations as long as such participation does not present an actual or apparent conflict with any BSCG certified program or client. The affiliated person will disclose any such participation to BSCG.)
 3. Neither BSCG, nor any person who is a principal officer, director, manager, or final-decision maker of BSCG, shall accept any gifts or gratuities from any organization—or person affiliated with an organization—that is seeking and/or receiving certification from BSCG. This does not include any fees that are part of the certification program that may be charged and/or received by BSCG.
 4. BSCG will maintain all appropriate financial records of any dealings between BSCG (or its personnel) and any organization (or person affiliated with an organization) that is seeking and/or receiving certification from BSCG.
 5. BSCG shall always issue reports, certifications, and other findings based upon scientific results and BSCG expertise, and never upon the financial interests of BSCG or affiliated persons.
 6. BSCG shall not employ a fee structure which would—or could be perceived to—influence BSCG's decision-making, certification, or auditing process.
 7. Even if not specifically enumerated above, BSCG, and any person who is a principal officer, director, manager, or final-decision maker of BSCG, shall be free from any other actual or apparent conflicts of interest that threaten BSCG's neutrality and impartiality.
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