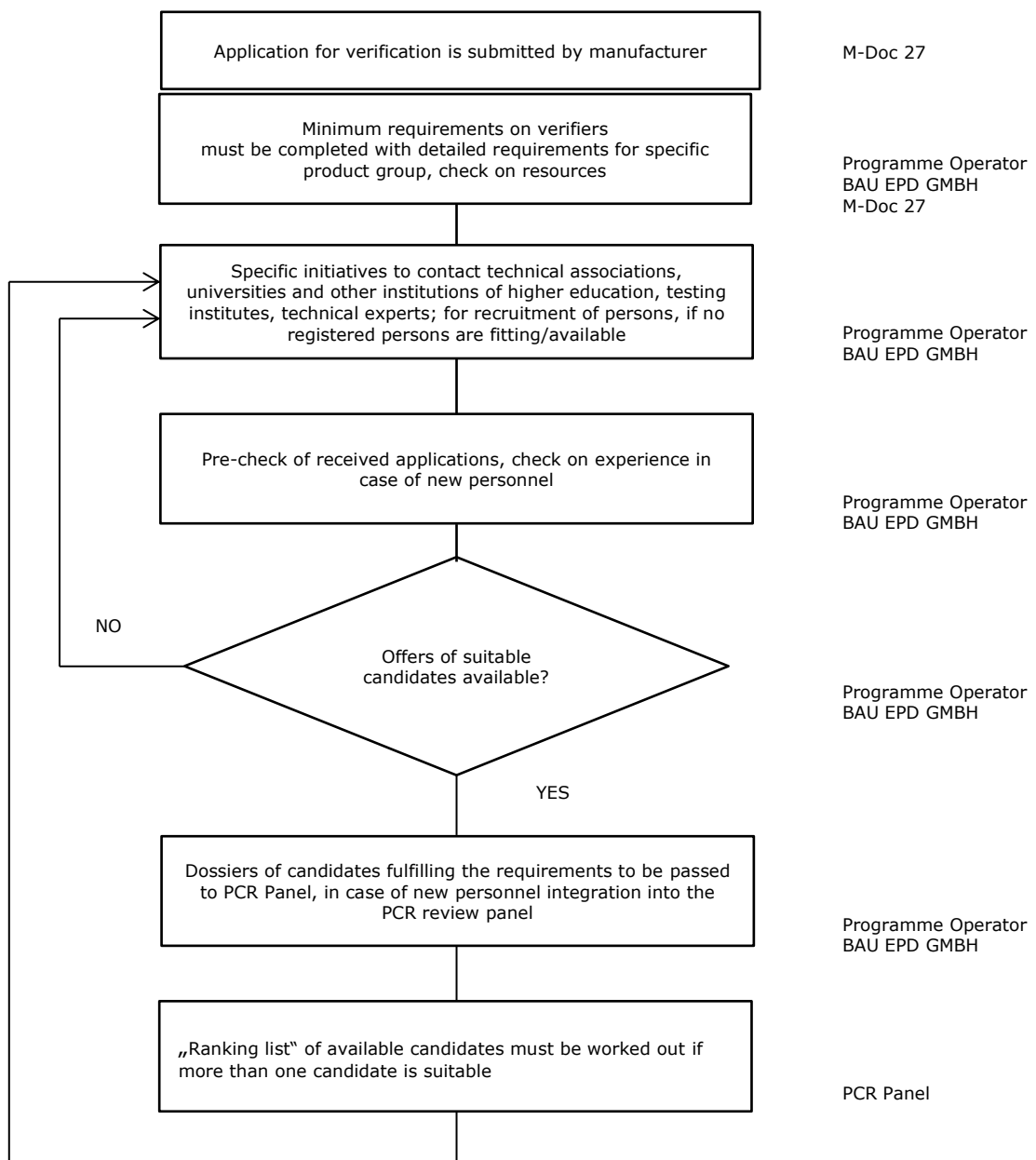


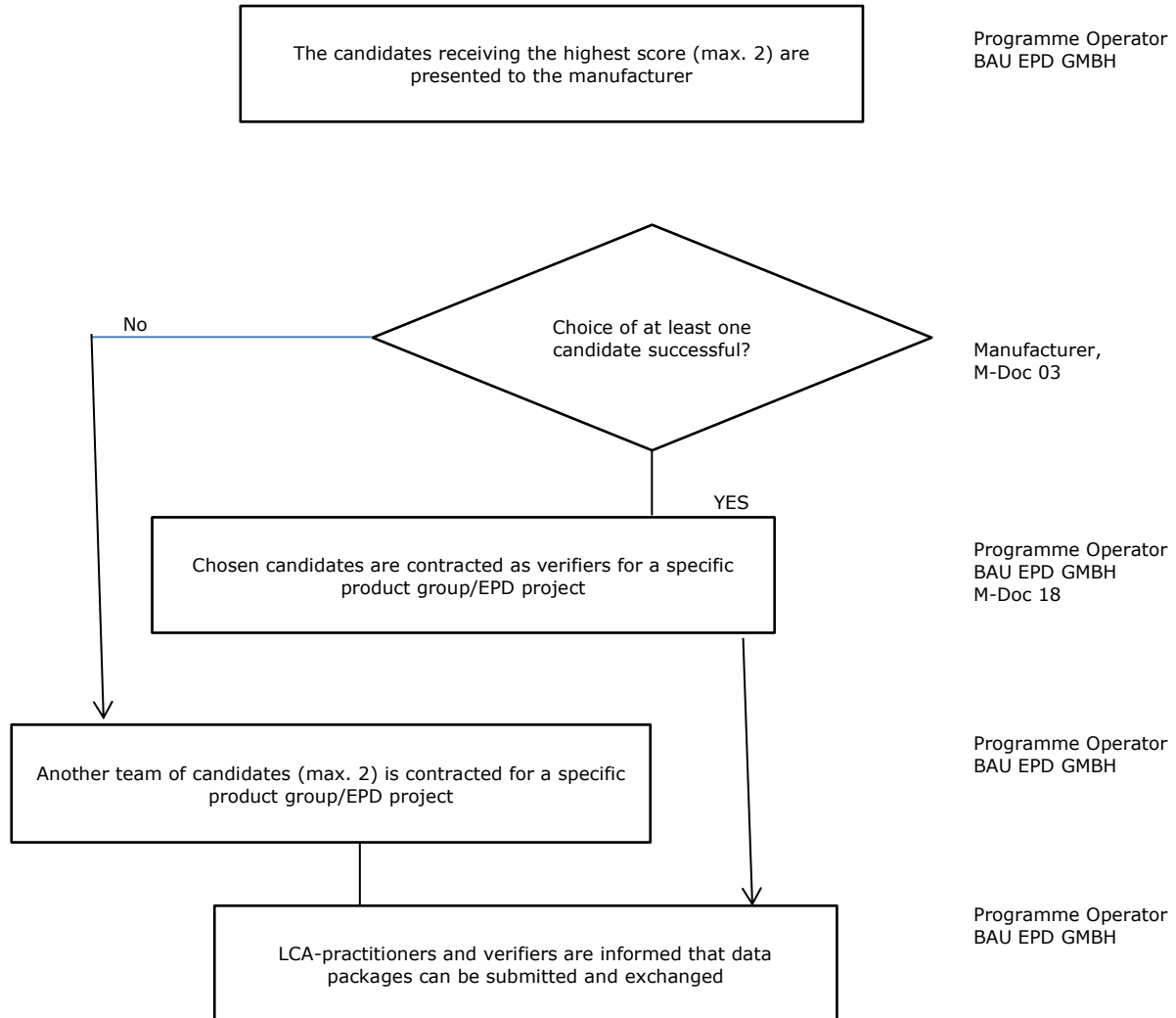
Procedure of evaluation of verifiers

Tracking of versions

Version	Comment	date
1.0	Introduction of version numbers, complete revision and adaptation of the document, renaming of document title to fulfil requirements on an accredited body as per ISO 17065	2022-04-20
	Adaptation information on familiarity risks, change lead time reissue/extension to 2 years	



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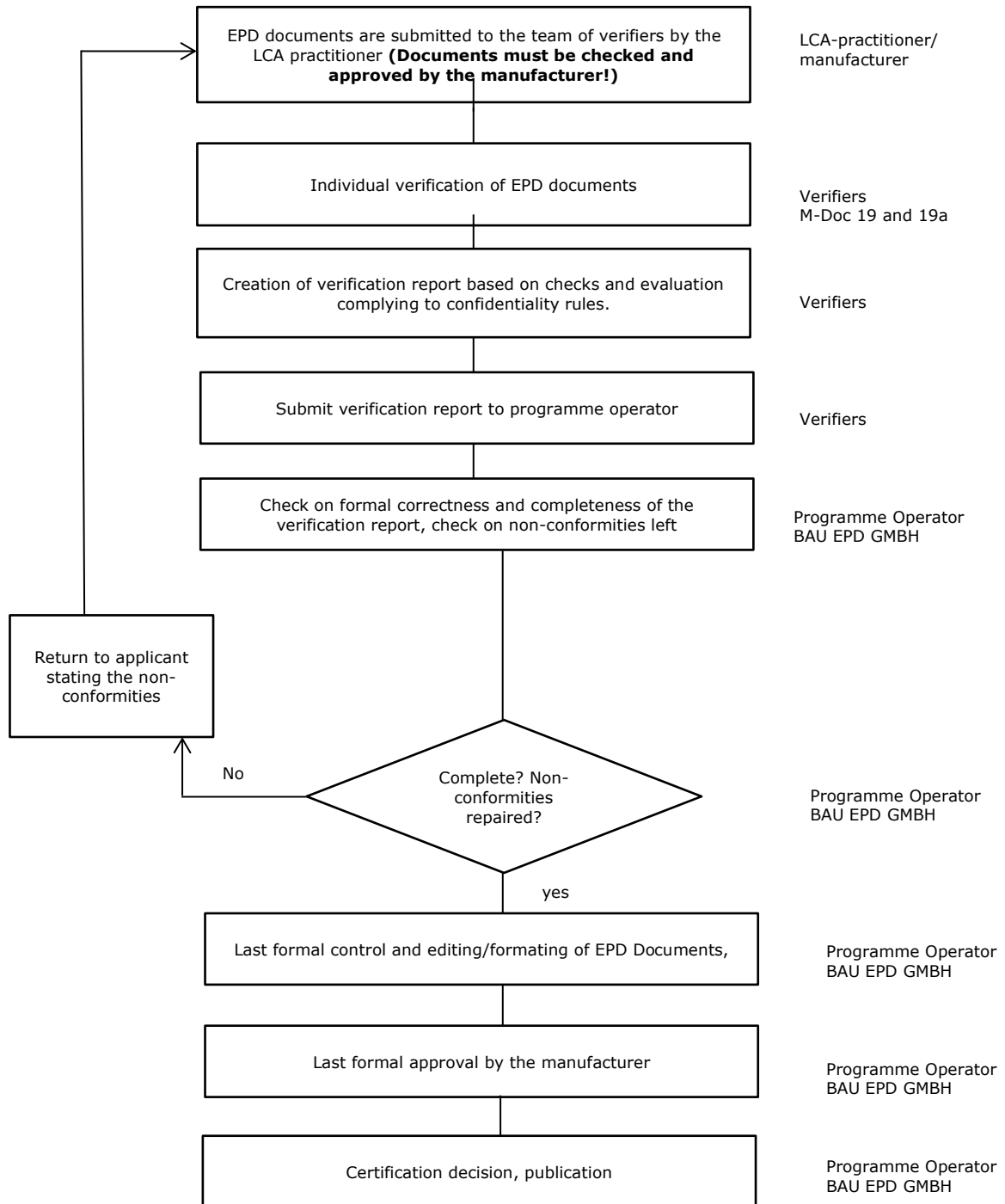
Note 1: Bias

Manufacturers can reject verifiers in case they can justify bias. The verifier shall not carry out any consulting service in the same project or related project for the manufacturer or have any other personal or employment relation to the client or its partners. The verifier shall not be or have been acting as an expert in cases of dispute concerning the manufacturer.

Note 2: Over-familiarity

The verification process involves reviewing and checking written documentation, with communication only via non-conformity lists in M-Doks 19, 19a and 19b. The verification team is known to the client and assessor through the bias check, but there is little risk of familiarity building over time as EPDs have very long validity periods (5 years). The teams change for various reasons and clients are responsible for the submitted documents themselves according to M-Doc 27-2.

Procedure of verification:



Note for extension/re-issuing of EPD after 5 years:

2 years before expiration of validity manufacturers are asked by the programme operator if they expect a seamless extension. In case that adaptations are needed, new contracts must be signed and the procedure start with the application for verification.