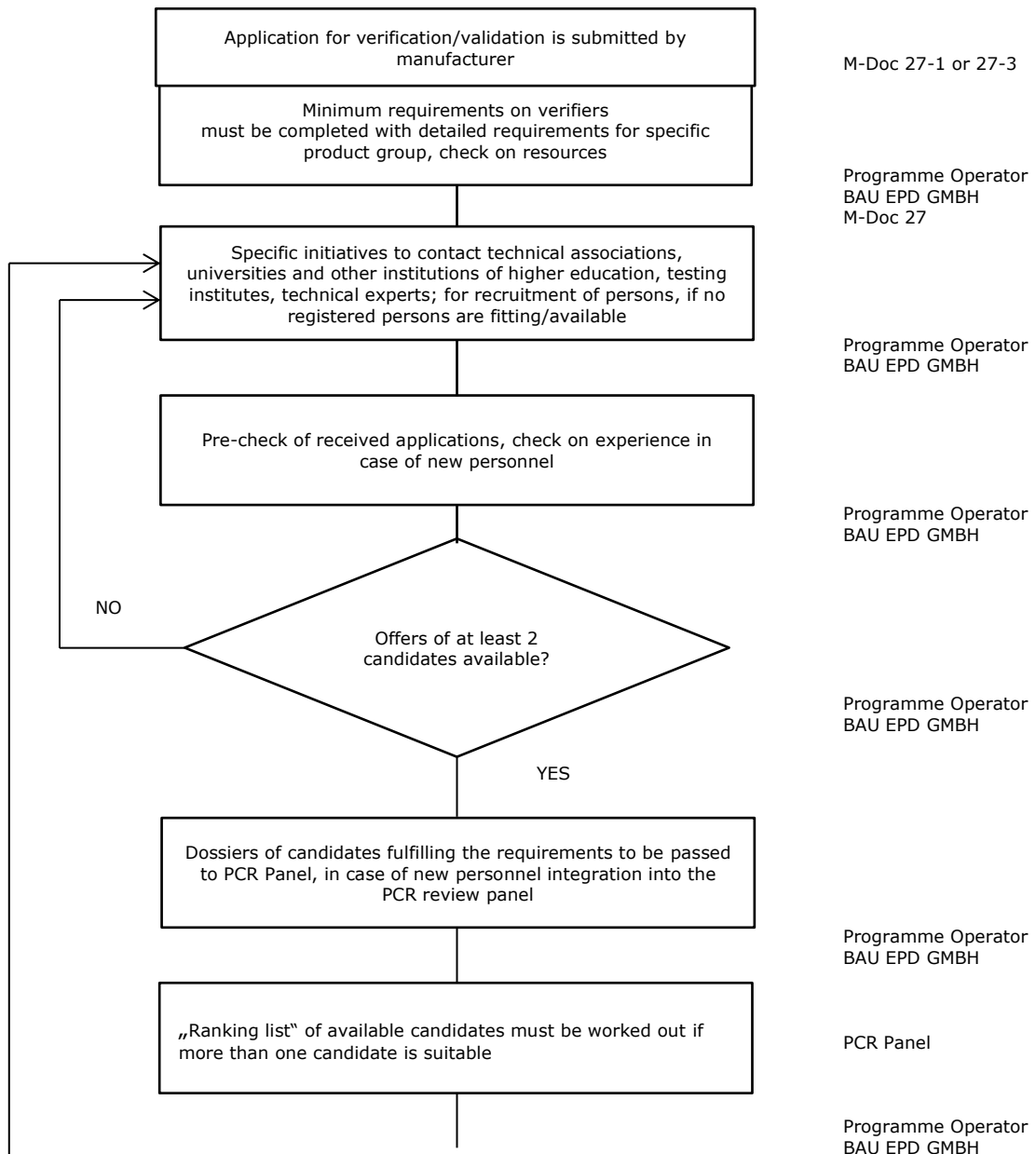
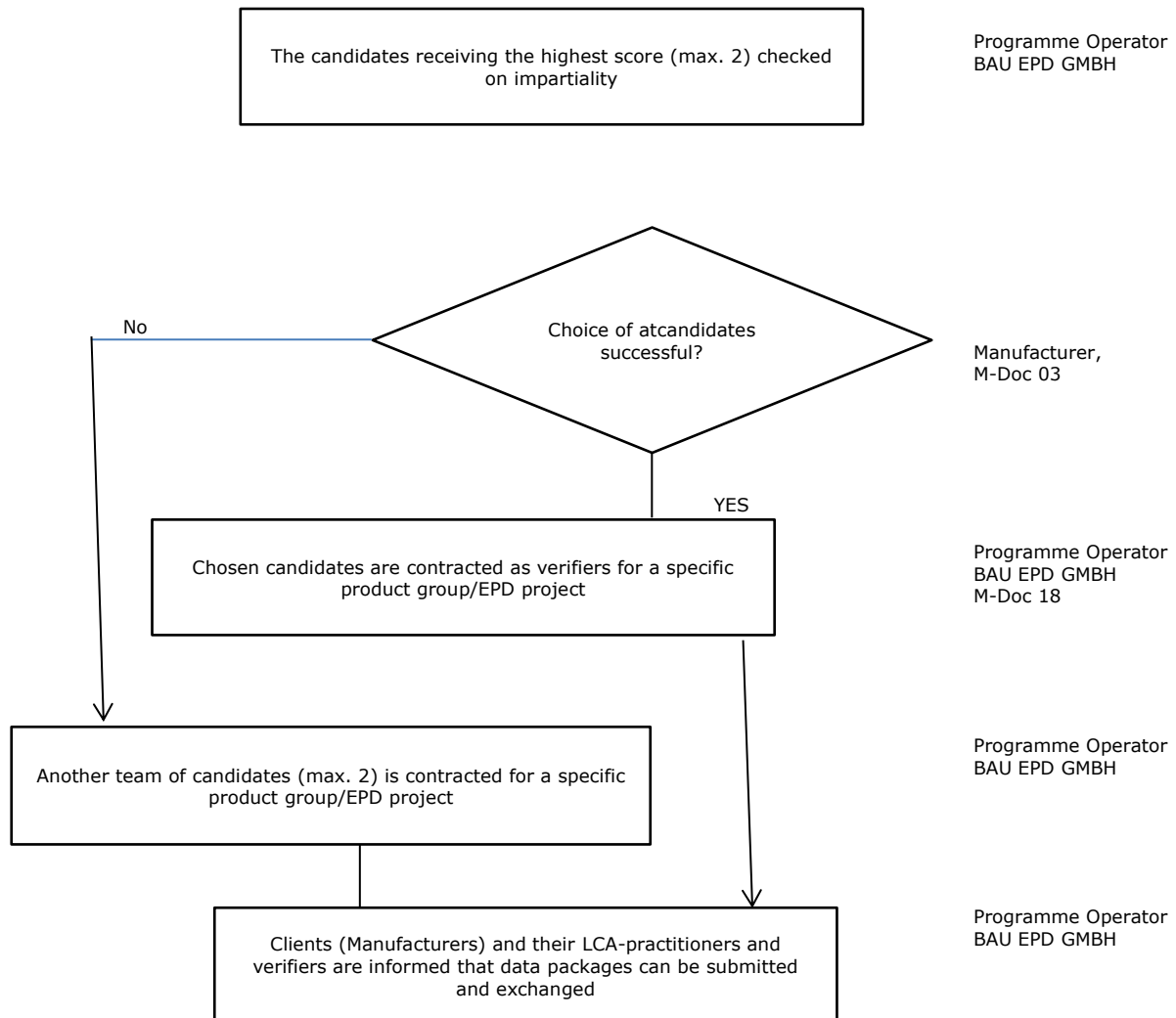


## Procedure of evaluation of verifiers for EPD project Procedure EPD verification and validation

### 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
2.0	Adaptation information on familiarity risks, change lead time reissue/extension to 2 years	2023-09-20
3.0	Revision to comply with ISO 17029	2026-02-19





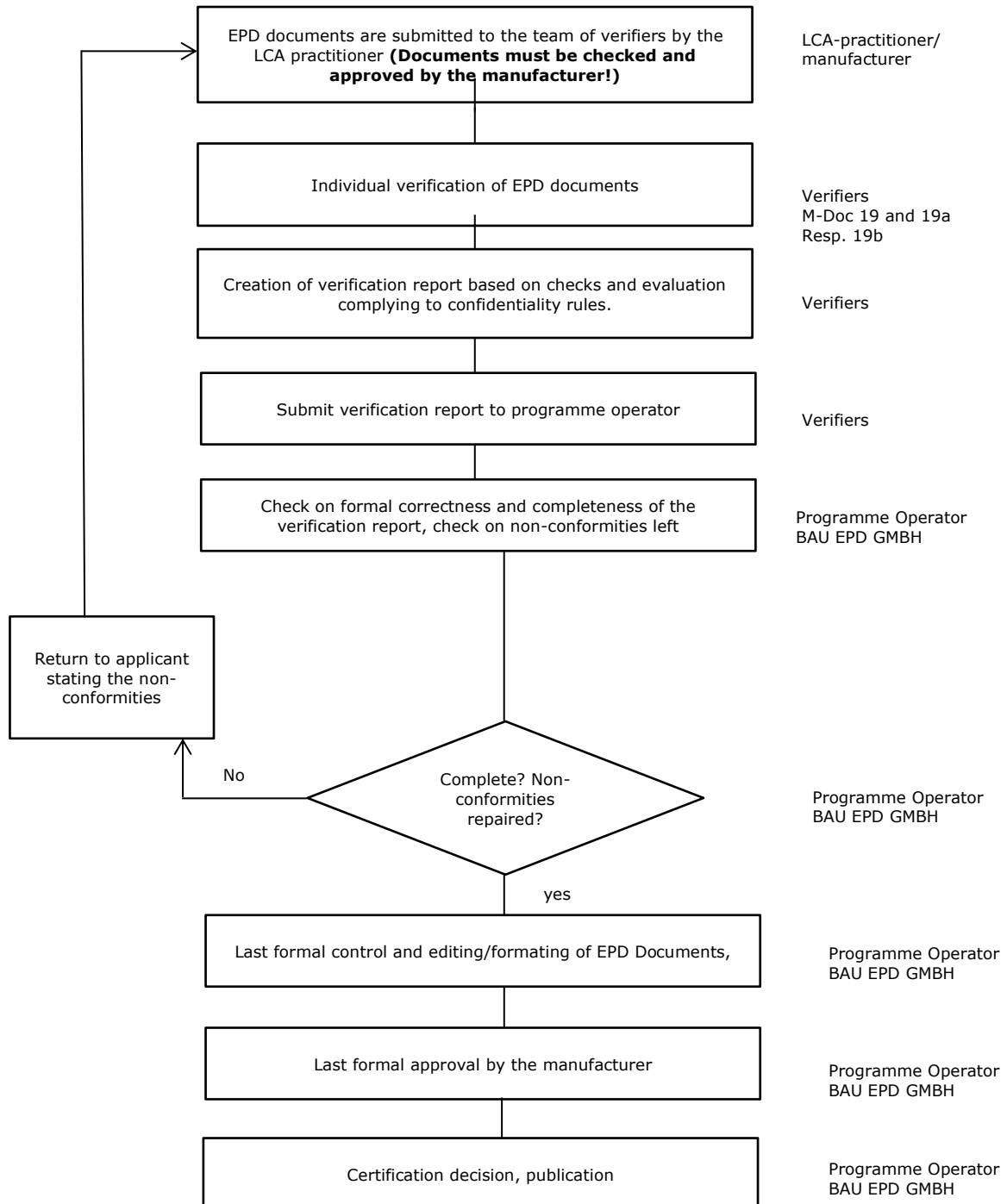
**Note 1: Bias**

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 as per EN 15804 have very long validity periods (5 years) and in the case of reports prepared in accordance with the Construction Products Regulation, the validity may also be indefinite provided that the underlying conditions on which the life cycle assessment is based do not change. 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.

### **Definition of the terms 'verification and validation'**

In accordance with ISO 17029, Chapter 3, the terms are defined as follows:

#### **verification**

confirmation of a claim, through the provision of objective evidence, that specified requirements have been fulfilled

Note 1 to entry: Verification is considered to be a process for evaluating a claim based on historical data and

information to determine whether the claim is materially correct and conforms with specified requirements.

Note 2 to entry: Verification is applied to claims regarding events that have already occurred or results that have already been obtained (confirmation of truthfulness).

#### **validation**

confirmation of a claim, through the provision of objective evidence, that the requirements for a specific intended future use or application have been fulfilled

Note 1 to entry: Objective evidence can come from real or simulated sources.

Note 2 to entry: Validation is considered to be a process to evaluate the reasonableness of the assumptions,

limitations, and methods that support a claim about the outcome of future activities.

Note 3 to entry: Validation is applied to claims regarding an intended future use based on projected information (confirmation of plausibility).