

Bonsucro Additional Requirements - Rights reserved by Bonsucro v1.0, June 2023

Background

To strengthen the credibility of Bonsucro and its Assurance System, Bonsucro sees the need to reserve the right to monitor, investigate and observe all types of audits and investigations of applicants to certification, certificate holders, operators, members, or certification bodies (CB), in cases of high risk as identified by Bonsucro.

This addendum to the [SCH Bonsucro Certification Protocol v6](#) guarantees that Bonsucro, or an individual or organisation on behalf of Bonsucro, will be provided access to the facilities of Bonsucro licensed CBs' clients, for the reasons listed in this addendum, through the agreement signed between the client and the CB.

Addendum

This addendum is **binding from July 1, 2023**, and will remain in force until a new Certification Protocol is launched.

Those additional requirements apply to:

- All applicants to certification, certificate holders, operators, members, and certification bodies.
- All scopes of the Bonsucro Certification System.

Bonsucro licensed certification bodies must communicate this addendum to their Bonsucro clients by **June 30, 2023**, and have written evidence of agreement to these additional requirements by **July 31, 2023**, and a newly signed agreement.

Section	Addendum	Requirement
Part 1. Purpose and Scope	Add a new chapter (chapter 5)	<p>Chapter 5. Rights reserved by Bonsucro.</p> <p>Bonsucro reserves the right to visit, or to request or commission an individual or an organisation to visit on its behalf, the facilities of an applicant to Bonsucro certification, a Bonsucro certificate holder, an operator, and/or a Bonsucro member, to carry out audits, investigations and/or to observe audits and/or investigations, announced or unannounced (giving at least 48-hour-notice prior to an unannounced visit), for monitoring purposes in relation to Bonsucro certification system.</p>
Part 2. Certification process requirements. Chapter 3. Contract.	Add a new clause (clause 3.2)	<p>As part of the agreement between the CB and its clients (i.e., applicant to certification, certificate holder, operator and/or member), and in line with Part 1, chapter 5 in this addendum to the Bonsucro Certification Protocol V6, the CB shall give the following notice:</p> <p>“3.2 The applicant/certificate holder/ operator/member shall:</p> <p>3.2.1 Allow and cooperate with a visit by Bonsucro, or its authorised agents working on its behalf, which may be announced or unannounced (with at least 48-hour-notice prior to the visit), accompanied or not by CB’s staff that owns, or is in the process of issuing a certificate to the visatee. Persons working for Bonsucro must present their identification and written authorisation signed by the Bonsucro Director of Standards and Assurance.</p> <p>3.2.2 Provide access to all facilities, sites, premises, data, processes, materials, procedures, personnel and subcontractors, related to the certification scope, to allow Bonsucro or its agents to conduct activities for monitoring, investigation and/or observation purposes, including but not limited to, a shadow audit, a parallel audit, interviews with the workers of the visatee, and visits to specific locations such as forests or bodies of water, among others.</p> <p>3.2.3 All costs incurred by Bonsucro or its agents in relation to CB’s monitoring activities (e.g., shadow, and parallel audits), including travel, accommodation, and subsistence, shall be borne by the CB.</p> <p>3.2.4 All costs incurred by Bonsucro or its agents to investigate and observe audits will be borne by Bonsucro.”</p>