AIM-PROGRESS Mutual Recognition
Member Expectations

Within 12 months of membership, all AIM-PROGRESS members are expected to commence participation in Mutual Recognition:

- **As they join** AIM-PROGRESS, members should submit their audit protocol for benchmarking.
  - To be eligible for participating in MR there needs to be a minimum of 85% commonality with other members’ audit protocols. If this is not the case, members are expected to work towards achieving the expected level of commonality within these first 12 months.
- Members should have completed at least one audit to their defined protocol within these first 12 months.
- By the end of the first 12 months, members are expected to sign up to the Mutual Recognition Framework.
- **Within the next three years**, members should contribute a minimum of 50 audited supplier records from 4 pillar audits they have initiated to the shared audited supplier list. The expectation is that the number of audits continues to increase overtime.

**Mutual Recognition Process**

1. **Submit Protocol for benchmarking – minimum commonality achieved 85%**
2. **Program started – minimum 1 audit completed**
3. **Sign onto Mutual Recognition Framework**
4. **Contribute to Audited Supplier List**
5. **Accept Audit Reports that meet MR criteria**
6. **Contribute minimum 50 audits in 3 years**

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1. The AIM-PROGRESS protocol benchmarking and commonality assessment is based on 4 pillars and will be updated on an as needed basis.
2. The MR Framework is a declaration by members that they will mutually recognize audits from participating members which adhere to a number of common criteria.
3. Supplier members of AM-PROGRESS can contribute audited supplier records for their own sites, as well as for their suppliers.