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Information on Transition to IATF 16949

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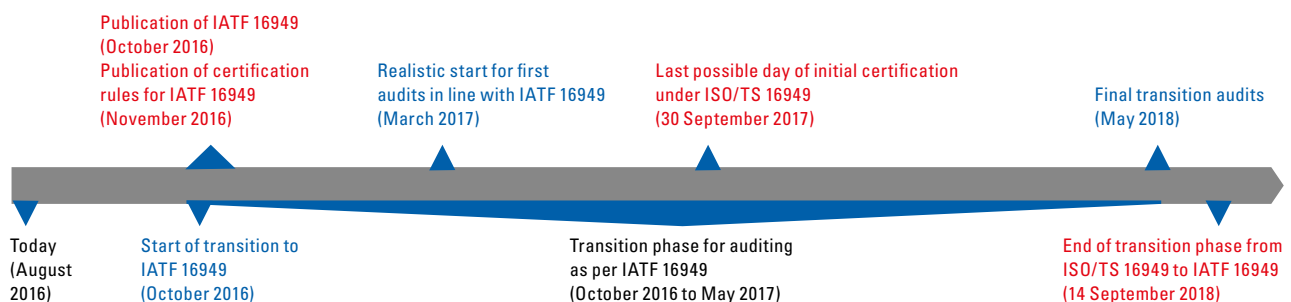
In August 2016 the ISO (International Organization for Standardization) and IATF announced the replacement of the most frequently used global standard for quality management in organizations in the automotive industry, ISO/TS 16949:2009, with IATF 16949. Certificates for organizations certified under ISO/TS 16949 must therefore be transitioned to IATF 16949 by means of a transition audit.

IATF 16949 refers to and takes into consideration the full extent of the structure and requirements of ISO 9001:2015, but also contains additional requirements tailored to the automotive industry.

Schedule and timeframe

Publication of IATF 16949 is scheduled for October 2016 and publication of certification rules for November 2016. Changes to the quality management system of an organization must be integrated and implemented from the date of publication of IATF 16949 and prior to a transition audit. To qualify for conducting audits under IATF 16949, certification body auditors must pass a separate examination.

Given this, March 2017 is regarded as a realistic starting date for transition audits.



Final transition audits should have been completed by May 2018, as all ISO/TS 16949:2009 certificates expire on 14 September 2018. There should be enough time between transition audit and issuance of certificate for closure of non-conformities and release of the audit by certification body.

Performance of the audit, audit time

Transition audits must be performed at the time of the next audit planned within the above timeframe. That means that for organizations with upcoming surveillance audits, the transition audit can be held -3 / +1 month(s) around the audit due date. For organizations with upcoming re-certification audits, the transition audit can be held -3 / +0 month(s) around the audit due date.

Transition audits from ISO/TS 16949:2009 to IATF 16949 must be performed in the same audit time as a re-certification audit. Before the transition audit is held, a readiness review takes place incurring a minimum additional time of 4 hours. The readiness review can be held on site or in the form of examination of documents by the auditor. The organization must provide the auditor with the following items of proof:

- Quality management documentation (e.g. manual, process landscape, processes and procedures)
- Proof of conformity in accordance with IATF 16949 (e.g. in the form of internal audit reports, delta analyses with action plans etc.)

The IATF has established that in cases where readiness review information is not provided, the transition audit may only begin with the addition of a further minimum time of 4 hours in which the auditor verifies conformity on site prior to the start of the audit.

In case of non-conformity with IATF 16949 non-conformities must be documented and closed by the organization within 60 days.

Rules for auditing remote locations and supporting functions

Remote supporting functions must already have been audited under IATF 16949 before auditing of the production site takes place.

If remote locations have not been audited before their associated production location which they support, a gap assessment and action plan for each remote location and support function must be provided to the auditor by the organization. The auditor must verify these documents in the readiness review.



Change of certification body

Change of the certification body at the same time as a transition audit is not permitted. If a location wishes to change to TÜV SÜD it may do so in 2017 under ISO/TS 16949:2009; the transition audit is then held before completion of transition period in 2018.

Summary of key changes

IATF 16949 is designed to advance organizations' QM systems and

- focuses on continuous improvement and prevention
- contains customer-specific requirements and tools in automotive industry
- supports reduction of variation and waste in supply chain

Unlike ISO/TS 16949:2009, IATF 16949 specifically focuses on and includes the following processes and topics:

- Monitoring of safety-related parts and processes
- Traceability of products according to applicable standards
- Requirements for products with embedded software
- Warranty management process
- Clarification of requirements for sub-tier supplier management and development
- Requirements concerning corporate responsibility

Recommendation

We recommend conducting a transition audit at an early stage as part of the next planned audit.

TÜV SÜD Management Service GmbH will inform its customers on any further changes to the standard on an ongoing basis.

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