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Customer Information on Transition from ISO/TS 16949:2009 to IATF 16949:2016

Based on the decision of the ISO organization to revise the ISO 9001 standard from revision 2008 to 2015 and the related transition process, IATF has, as previously announced on the IATF website, decided to revise the ISO/TS 16949 standard as well to align it with the structure and requirements of ISO 9001:2015.

As per information provided by IATF,

- ISO/TS 16949:2009 will be replaced by a new standard, named IATF 16949:2016.
- IATF 16949:2016 will fully respect the structure and requirements of ISO 9001:2015.
- all ISO TS 16949 certificates will expire on September 14th, 2018 and require replacement with a certificate acc. to the new IATF 16949 standard.
- all companies intending or required to maintain their IATF related certification have to be audited to the new standard and should be certified accordingly by September 15th, 2018 at the latest to satisfy the IATF 16949 requirements.
- the transition process as well as any initial certification according to the new standard may be possible by early 2017, subject to previous activities controlled by IATF to approve related certification bodies (CB) and to qualify and approve 3rd party auditors.
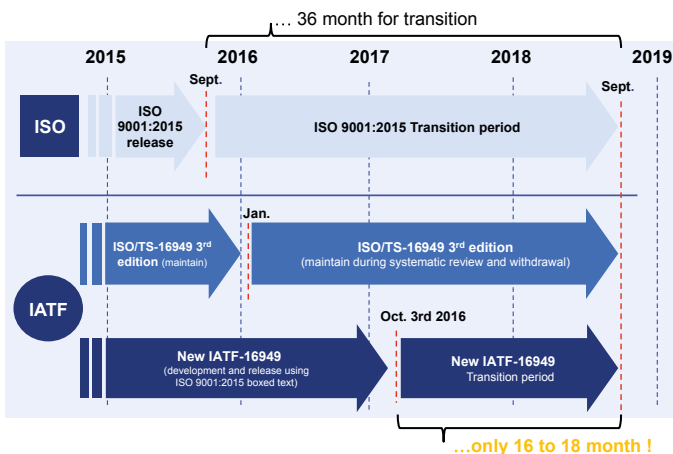
ISO/TS 16949 versus ISO 9001:2015

In 2015 IATF established a working group consisting of IATF member organizations to develop a design specification for the revision of ISO/TS 16949 to align it with the ISO 9001:2015-based structure and requirements. Further updates/news on this project will be communicated on the IATF Global Oversight Website: http://www.iatfglobaloversight.org/

IATF 16949:2016 Facts

- As per the IATF Global CB Conference held in Rome in April 2016, a lot of input requested from and given by ISO/TS 16949 stakeholders (OEM, suppliers, CB, auditors…) on a first, not published working draft is being reviewed by IATF and evaluated for implementation into the new standard.
- The IATF 16949 standard was published on 1st of October 2016. 3rd party assessment and certification will not be possible from the beginning but IATF intends to give all stakeholders the opportunity to start review and integration of the requirements into their QM systems and processes at the earliest possible time.
- The IATF 16949 rules for certification are not finished and IATF has published than on 1st November 2016.
- IATF 16949 3rd party auditor qualification process is planned to be started in December 2016 along with any IATF-required training for IATF 16949 1st and 2nd party auditors.
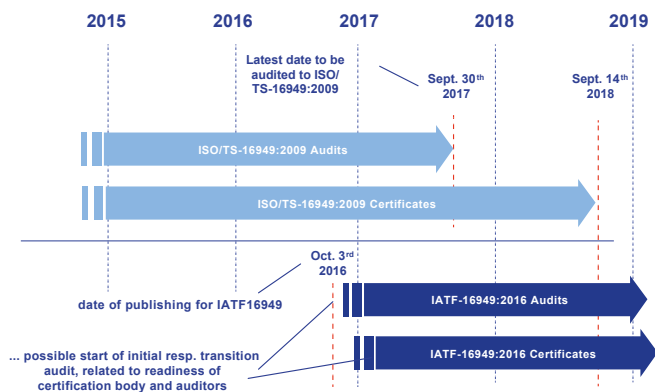
IATF 16949 – Development & Transition Timing Overview

End of transition period:
September 14th, 2018
Adjustment of issued certificates:
September 15th, 2018

- If remote locations have not been audited acc. to IATF 16949 before the related manufacturing site(s), the organization has to ensure and provide a complete gap analysis incl. an action plan to fulfill the IATF 16949 requirements. This information must be available at the audit of the manufacturing site(s). If this information is not available on site, the audit of the site shall be considered as "failed".
- ISO/TS 16949 certified organizations can switch to the IATF 16949 only in line with and related to the current audit relevant date, which is the last day of the former ISO/TS 16949:2009 initial or recertification date.
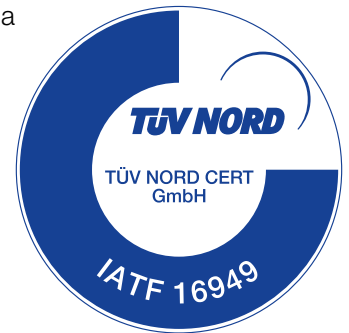

- A transition audit to IATF 16949 is not permitted to be conducted in conjunction with a transfer audit from one CB to another CB and/or in the course of any kind of special audit.
- Organizations which plan to transfer from one CB to another have first to go for an ISO/TS 16949:2009 transfer audit before they can undertake IATF 16949 transition in the subsequent year.
- Starting October 1st, 2017, organizations can only be audited and newly certified to IATF 16949. Audits according to ISO/TS 16949:2009 are not allowed after September 30th, 2017.
- Organizations not yet certified to ISO/TS 16949 can apply for and receive IATF 16949 certification as soon as IATF has approved certification bodies and 3rd party auditors.
- Organizations may upgrade from valid ISO 9001:2015 with a man day reduction of 30% if the upgrade audit is conducted by the same CB that issued the ISO 9001:2015 certificate.

TNCERT expectations regarding IATF 16949 transition

Since IATF 16949:2016 is issued and valid, organizations should be aware of and consider the following:

- review the changes and new requirements and its impact on their QMS
- implement the changed requirements and adjust and update their QMS accordingly
- conduct their internal audit and management review based on IATF 16949 items
- apply for transition audit after clearance with the CB
- conduct an IATF 16949 transition audit
- follow up audit results (e.g. close non-conformities)

After successful completion of this process, an IATF 16949 certificate will be issued with a validity of three years. A new certificate cycle and audit cycle including surveillance audits will then commence.

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