



ISO/TS 16949:2009 is becoming IATF 16949 – Changes and Implications

In October 2016, the “IATF 16949:2016” was published by the International Automotive Task Force (IATF). The first edition of the IATF 16949 represents the revised quality management standard developed by the IATF for the automotive industry. This replaces and overrides ISO/TS 16949:2009. Some questions have arisen due to this overhaul: What changes have been made? What must be observed?

In December 2014, the IATF (International Automotive Task Force) established a work group to develop a draft of a new “Technical Specifications” (TS). Within this work group, a new version of the ISO/TS 16949 adapted to the latest ISO 9001 and specifications of the automotive standard was developed. The new IATF 16949 standard was published in October 2016.

Objectives of the IATF 16949

The aim of the IATF 16949 standard is to effectively improve the quality of systems and processes of companies within the automotive industry. The continual improvement process aims to increase customer satisfaction, identify errors and risks in the production process and supply chain, eliminate their causes and check affected corrective and preventive measures to ensure their effectiveness.

Current notice regarding the validity period of the ISO/TS Certificates

The new version of ISO 9001:2015 was published on 09/15/2015. This publication date also impacted the ISO/TS certificate validity period. All ISO/TS certificates must indicate a maximum period of validity lasting until 09/14/2018. Therefore, all certificates issued after 09/14/2015 must be corrected in this respect. We ask for your understanding in case we need to adjust your certificate accordingly.

Timeline of the IATF 16949



Adjustments associated with IATF 16949

The new IATF 16949 standard has directly responded to the latest changes and new requirements in the automotive industry. During revision, adjustments and improvements were made in areas such as:

- Safety-relevant areas and processes
- Product traceability (according to the latest regulatory changes)
- Products with integrated software
- Warranty management processes, also with respect to NTF (No Trouble Found) and application of guidelines from the automotive industry
- Clarification of subcontractor management and development requirements
- Corporate Responsibility

Transitioning to the new IATF 16949

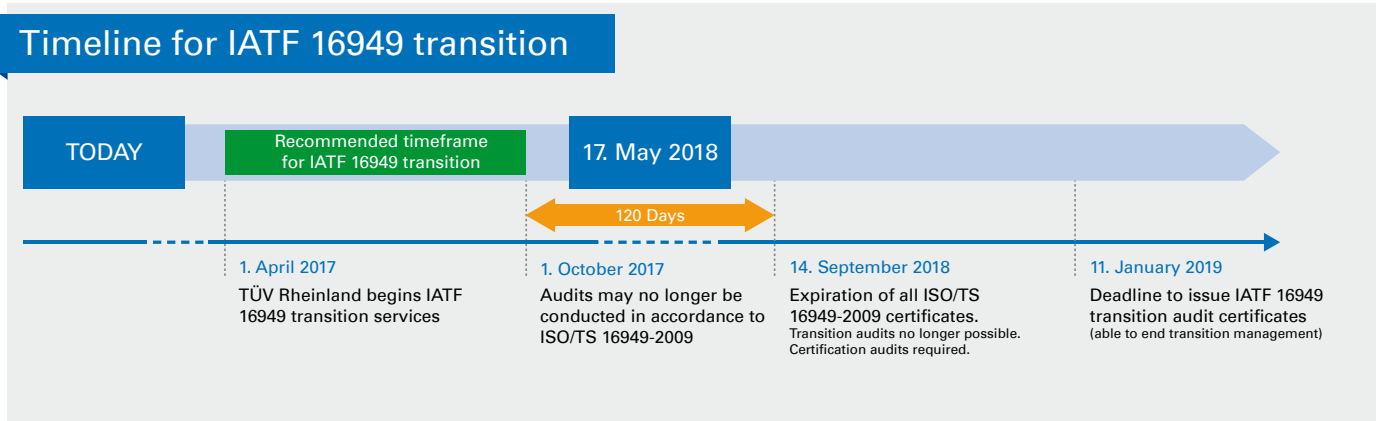
IATF published the **"Transition Strategy"** on August 10, 2016, defining the transitional phase of switching from ISO/TS 16949:2009 to IATF 16949:2016. This strategy stipulates the following time frames for the transitional phase:

- Audits may no longer be performed in accordance with ISO/TS 16949:2009 after 10/01/2017.
- Transition audits may not take place outside the regular certification cycle (and must therefore be conducted at the time of a regular or monitoring audit).
- The temporal scope of a transition audit corresponds to that of a recertification audit.
- It is not possible to switch to a different certification company during the course of a transition audit.

Extended Sites

Based on the amendment of the certification regulations for ISO/TS 16949, it was necessary to certify sites individually. Each site received its own ISO/TS 16949 certificate and was registered in the International Automotive Task Force (IATF) database. This regulation has been partially redacted. As of 04/01/2016, extended sites (also 'extended workbenches') can again be certified together with their respective production site according to particular conditions communicated at the October 2015 Stakeholder Conference and "Sanctioned Interpretations" SI 13.

TÜV Rheinland Cert will once again certify extended sites in conjunction with their respective production sites starting from 07/01/2016. You can learn more on the subject of extended sites on [our website](#) and the [IATF's website](#).



TÜV Rheinland recommends transitioning to IATF 16949 as of April 01, 2017. From this point in time, we will provide you support to smoothly conduct your transition to the new IATF 16949. All certificates in accordance with ISO/TS 16949 that have not been modified to the revision by 09/14/2018 will then be invalid. The timeline provides further clarification for transition to the new standard.

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