



IATF Oversight Certification Body Communiqué

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CONFIDENTIAL		X
MANDATORY CONTENT	X	

SUBJECT: Clients not meeting the eligibility for certification to IATF 16949

The purpose of this CB Communiqué is to advise all IATF-recognized certification bodies of the required actions to ensure that only clients are certified to IATF 16949 meeting the relevant Rules 5th Section 1.0 Eligibility requirements.

As already communicated in CB Communiqué 2014-004, the IATF has ruled that **none of the activities detailed below alone or in combination** meets the ISO/TS 16949 eligibility. **This is also true for the new IATF 16949 standard.**

The following activities are typical for the semiconductor industries:

Activity	Description of the activity
1. Programming	Electronically placing the customer’s code into programmable components.
2. Testing	Verification of the components to ensure they were programmed with the customer’s code using electronic test equipment.
3. Marking	Placing of the customer’s program number, revision, or any other information that the customer’s request on the component using a label, laser mark, or ink mark.
4. Dry Baking	Baking of the moisture sensitive components in an oven to remove any moisture the components may have been absorbed while they were out of the Moisture Barrier Bag during programming and then repacking the components into a new Moisture Barrier Bag. <i>[NOTE: Dry Baking only exists because the components that were already sealed moisture proof bag were opened. It is not a manufacturing operation.]</i>
5. Lead Scanning	Visually scan of the components’ leads using 3D inspection to check for any leads that are bent, which may have happened during processing or may have been received from the component manufacturer bent.
6. Taping & Reeling	Repacking components from trays or rails to Tape & Reel to accommodate the customer’s automatic insertion equipment for inserting the components into PC boards.

In order to ensure that the above mentioned rule is followed, all IATF recognized Certification Bodies are required to check if clients are falling under the above mentioned definitions. Clients with an existing valid ISO/TS 16949 or IATF 16949 certificate falling in this category will need to have their certificate cancelled.

Please contact your relevant IATF Oversight Office if you have any questions.