



IATF Oversight Certification Body Communiqué

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SUBJECT: ISO/TS 16949:2009 Certificate Expiry Date

The purpose of this communiqué is to support all IATF certification bodies with the implementation of Rules 4th Sanctioned Interpretation no 11 effective immediately.

According to the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and the ISO Committee on Conformity Assessment (CASCO), the transition period for the revision of ISO 9001 has been set to three years from the publication date of ISO 9001:2015 (see IAF Guide ID9).

As ISO 9001:2008 forms the basis for the ISO/TS 16949:2009 standard, the expiry date of certificates to ISO/TS 16949:2009 have to correspond to the end of the three year transition period for ISO 9001:2008 certificates. The end of the three year transition period for ISO 9001 is set to the 14 September 2018 (based on the official release date of ISO 9001:2015).

The IATF Database was modified accordingly on Sunday, 4 October 2015 to reflect the maximum expiration date for any new ISO/TS 16949:2009 certificate. The update automatically sets the expiration date to the 14 September 2018. Please note, this may create a situation where the client's certificate has certificate validity less than three (3) years.

Those certificates already issued and due to expire after 14 September 2018, the IATF database was automatically modified on Friday, 9 October 2015 to set the expiration date of those certificates to 14 September 2018. This change requires certification bodies to now revise the client's existing ISO/TS 16949:2009 certificate and upload a copy of the revised certificate in the IATF database no later than 31 December 2015.

IATF are currently developing the transition strategy from ISO/TS 16949:2009 which will be released at a later date.