To: All External Production and Service Suppliers to Ford Motor Company

RE: Transition of Automotive Quality Management System Certification to New International Standard

This letter is intended to inform all Ford Motor Company Production and Service suppliers of the need to prepare for certification to a new automotive Quality Management System standard.


Why is this necessary? Revision of ISO/TS 16949 was needed to retain alignment with ISO 9001. The third edition of ISO/TS 16949 contains ISO 9001:2008 in its entirety. However, ISO 9001 has been completely revised and reissued as ISO 9001:2015. ISO 9001:2008 will be withdrawn on September 14, 2018.

IATF 16949:2016 is fully aligned with the ISO 9001:2015 structure and requirements. This alignment permits incorporation of risk-based thinking and all other ISO 9001:2015 enhancements. Suppliers who certify to IATF 16949:2016 may also certify to ISO 9001:2015 through the IATF 16949 certification scheme.

Supporting the release of this new automotive International Standard, requirements for certification to IATF 16949 and the associated customer-specific requirements of Ford Motor Company and all other IATF-subscribing OEMs will be revised to align with the new automotive International Standard. Ford Motor Company documentation supporting IATF 16949:2016 will be published in February 2017.

Please work with your IATF-recognized Certification Body to develop and execute a plan to transition to the new QMS standard by September 14, 2018. Information on the release of IATF 16949:2016 and guidance on the transition from ISO/TS 16949 to IATF 16949:2016 including training sources may be obtained from the IATF web site (http://www.iatfglobaloversight.org).

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