The purpose of this communiqué is to advise all IATF-recognized certification bodies that a new functionality has been released in the IATF database in November 2017 to allow more than one IATF OEM supplier code to be entered in the IATF database for cases where an extended manufacturing site(s) has a separate IATF OEM supplier code from the main manufacturing site. This change requires your immediate attention.

The change can be found under the Latest News section on the IATF Database Personal Desktop (and attached on pages 2-3 of this Communiqué).

This change to the IATF database was requested by General Motors (GM). GM is downloading weekly certificate information from the IATF database into their SCMS (Supplier Certification Management System). If a supplier code is missing, the manufacturing site (or extended manufacturing site) turns “red” in BIQS which triggers alerts and actions. To ensure their records are updated correctly, certification bodies are expected to implement this change for GM suppliers no later than 12 January 2018.

Certification bodies are also expected to review all extended manufacturing sites and identify if the extended manufacturing site has a different IATF OEM supplier code from the main manufacturing site. Please verify the supplier code provided for the extended manufacturing site matches the address of the extended manufacturing site and enter the additional supplier code in the IATF database.

Certification bodies shall have all IATF OEMs multiple supplier code(s) for extended manufacturing sites entered no later than 31 March 2018.
Latest added functionalities and features

IATF has implemented the following new feature in the IATF database on 13 November 2017:

(1) Assigning additional OEM supplier codes to a client in cases where an extended site exists for a single manufacturing site.

The certification body is required to enter the relevant manufacturing site supplier code in the IATF database. In cases where the manufacturing site has one or more extended site(s) it was not possible to enter these probably existing additional supplier codes for the extended sites.

With the new functionality it is now possible to assign further OEM supplier codes to a site that has one or more extended site(s).

Condition:
The extended site(s) need to have own an additional OEM supplier code which can now be entered under the relevant extended site information.

Regarding details how to enter and register an additional supplier code to a certified client please refer to the next page.
Assigning of an additional OEM supplier codes to site with an extended site:

Please ensure the condition is fulfilled and the extended manufacturing site is available. Open the template "Extended Manufacturing Site" and enter the supplier code for the relevant OEM.

As soon as the supplier code is entered and saved to the database the relevant supplier code will be displayed at the client’s site record and will also be listed in the relevant reports.

Multiple supplier codes assigned to a client will be listed separated by comma in the field "Supplier Code".

Example report "My Certificates Report"