IATF Oversight
IATF Stakeholder Communiqué

The purpose of this Communiqué is to advise all IATF Stakeholders the IATF has decided to begin work on Rules 6th Edition. To improve the clarity of requirements of the existing Rules 5th Edition, IATF needs to understand where the Rules are not clear to stakeholders or where stakeholders may have other opportunities for improvement. Your feedback is critical to the success of the process.

Stakeholders can provide feedback via an optional anonymous survey, using Survey Monkey. This survey will be used to compile data on any Rules 5th Edition sections needing immediate clarity or update as Sanctioned Interpretations (SIs), or clarification as Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) as well as consideration for changes to be incorporated into the Rules 6th Edition.

There is a single survey covering all the Rules 5th Edition sections, including the Annexes. The survey is available only in English.

Demographic input is required for each survey completed. By participating in the survey, the stakeholders are agreeing to provide their demographic information (limited to your anonymous role – Certification Body, Vehicle Manufacturer, Organization, IATF Witness Auditors, etc., and primary region of operation). This information will only be used for trend analysis and data sorting.

You may provide a response to all Rules 5th Edition sections, or just participate in the ones that you wish to complete. Additionally, the larger sections of the Rules (e.g. 5.0) are divided up into sub-sections and you may select specific individual sub-sections for feedback, if you wish. The survey has two levels of menus to drill down to the sub-sections for feedback on each shall requirement. For example, if you are interested in providing feedback on section 5.11, you will first have a selection menu to choose section 5.0 feedback. The next level menu will take you to the individual sub-sections (for example 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, etc.). You will need to select sub-section 5.2 to drill down to the individual shall statements. The survey will ask you to enter a summary of the specific shall statement you have a concern about with justification for the concern and to provide written explanation of your suggested improvements to the current Rules 5th text or other details which would address your concern. It is not required to provide feedback on all sections of the Rules, or even all sub-sections. Completion of feedback on one section will take you back to the main section menu to select the next clause requiring feedback.
If you are not able to complete the survey in one session, you can close the survey and return to it on the same computer later (as long as it is before 30 June) to continue providing feedback.

If your organization cannot use Survey Monkey, then please contact Russ Hopkins (rhopkins@iaob.org) or Michelle Maxwell (mmaxwell@iaob.org) for a backup survey data collection tool to be used only where Survey Monkey cannot work.

Please complete the survey by 30 June 2020. Responses received after that date will not be included in the analysis.

Thank you in advance for your support and opting in to take this feedback opportunity providing input to Rules 6th Edition.

Please use the following link to participate in the survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZRL2ZNF

If you have any questions, please contact IATF Oversight.