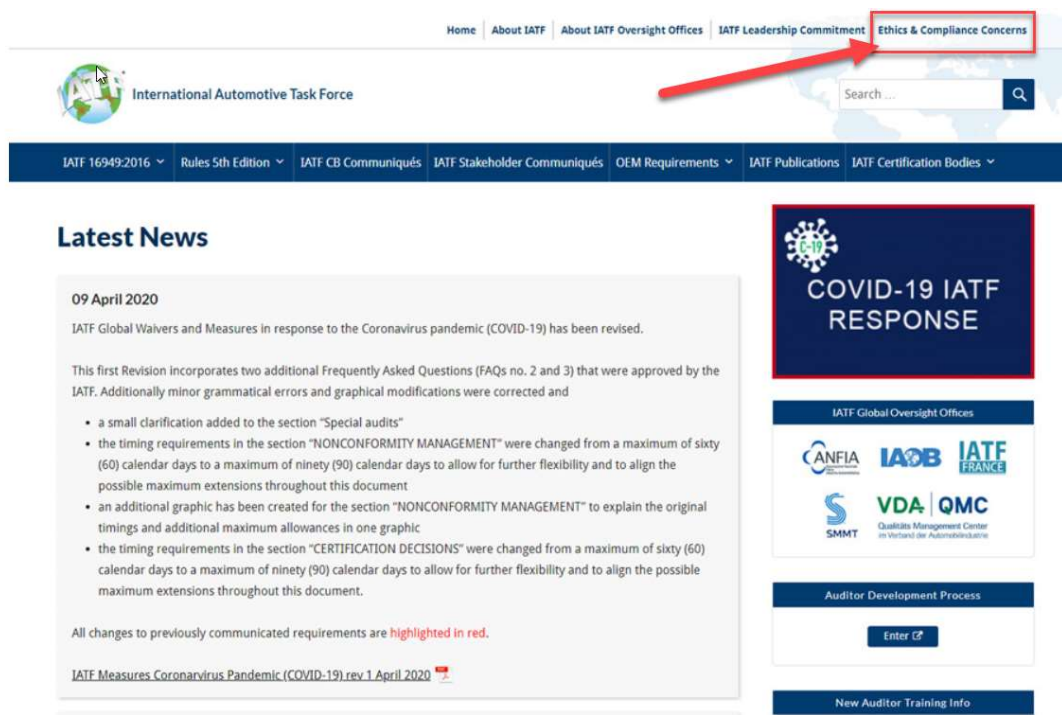




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IATF Global Oversight IATF Stakeholder Communiqué

The purpose of this Communiqué is to advise all IATF Stakeholders that the IATF has launched an ethics and concerns reporting link on the IATF Global Oversight website: <https://www.iatfglobaloversight.org/>. This link will take you through to a third-party ethics and concern reporting platform.



Stakeholders may raise concerns regarding perceived violations of the Rules for Achieving and Maintaining IATF Recognition (5th Edition) or the IATF’s Automotive Quality Management Systems standard (IATF 16949).

You may be employed in an organisation that is IATF certified or you may be employed by an IATF approved Certification Body and you may have concerns about what is happening where you work in terms of how your organisation complies with the requirements of IATF certification or IATF accreditation. When the concerns feel serious because it might affect colleagues or your whole organisation, it can be difficult to know what to do, especially if internal systems and processes are not being followed or activities are taking place which may contravene IATF requirements. You may feel that



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raising the matter would be disloyal to colleagues, managers and/or your organisation. However, everyone working has a duty to follow their professional code of conduct and ensure that organisations meet the standards to which they have been certified or accredited.

We would always encourage you to try to resolve any concerns you have within your organisation first. This is the recommended course of action. But if you feel unable to do this, or feel your voice is not being heard, you can now raise the issue with someone who is independent of your organisation.

These potential concerns could be about IATF approved Certification Bodies, IATF 3rd party auditors, IATF 16949 certified organizations, or IATF Global Oversight Offices.

The ethics and compliance concerns reporting process is hosted by a third-party provider, EthicsPoint. As such, you may submit information confidentially and anonymously.

Please note: For any ethics or compliance concerns submitted, supporting evidence is required in order to proceed with a formal investigation. So please submit any evidence of the concern to support your complaint. This will help the process to be as effective and efficient as possible.

If you have any questions, please [contact](#) IATF Oversight.