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IATF Stakeholder Communiqué

The purpose of this Communiqué is to advise all IATF Stakeholders that the Auditor Guide for IATF 16949 has been updated.

The 4th edition was approved in May 2019 by the IATF and published in English in September 2019. It has now been translated into the IATF approved languages. This 4th edition supersedes the 3rd edition.

Originally developed to support IATF 3rd party auditors, this latest version aligns the essential auditor competency requirements to the IATF 3rd Party Auditor Training & Evaluation process.

Nonconformity management has been added as an essential auditor competency and the auditor guide now includes clear guidance on writing and structuring nonconformities.

Auditing customer specific requirements and core tools has been expanded to define knowledge and competency requirements around Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (FMEA), Measurement System Analysis (MSA), Statistical Tools and Control Plan.

This 4th edition represents a consolidation of automotive audit best practices through the complete audit cycle. The guide describes the knowledge and skills required through every stage of the audit process and provides a mechanism to support auditor selection and development.

Although this guide was primarily designed for use by 3rd party auditors, it can also be used as a useful reference document for internal or second party auditors.

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