



IATF Oversight Certification Body Communiqué

CB COMMUNIQUE # 2020-009

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CONFIDENTIAL		X
MANDATORY CONTENT	X	

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SUBJECT: Release of Sanctioned Interpretations (SIs) Related to Rules 5th Edition and a new Sanctioned Interpretation Related to IATF 16949:2016

The purpose of this Communiqué is to advise all IATF-recognized certification bodies, certified organizations, and other key stakeholders that the IATF has approved additional Sanctioned Interpretations (SI 11-21) and a revised SI 2 related to Rules 5th edition and has approved an additional Sanctioned Interpretation (SI 19) related to IATF 16949:2016.

The approved SIs for Rules 5th Edition are related to multiple sections of Rules 5th edition addressing the release of CARA, (Common Audit Report Application). These SIs become effective as CARA is deployed by the CB. These SIs become mandatory from January 2021 coinciding with the mandatory implementation date for CARA.

Please note: It is expected that the introduction of CARA by certification bodies will be gradual through the remainder of 2020, ahead of the mandatory implementation date of January 2021 with certification bodies using both CARA and their existing reporting formats. Where both CARA and existing formats are being used during the CARA implementation phase, the CARA related SIs only apply to those audits conducted using CARA.

The approved SI for the IATF 16949:2016 standard is related to section 8.4.2.4 and is effective October 2020.

Sanctioned Interpretations alter the existing published requirements of the IATF Rules for achieving and maintaining IATF recognition 5th edition and for the IATF 16949:2016 standard.

The files related to these Sanctioned Interpretations are available on the IATF Global Oversight website www.iatfglobaloversight.org

If you have any questions, please [contact](#) your respective Oversight Office representative.