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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 Rules 5th Edition Sanctioned Interpretations (SI 22-25), revised SIs 11 & 14, plus the IATF approved an additional Sanctioned Interpretation (SI 20) related to IATF 16949:2016 and also reissued SI 10.

The approved SIs for Rules 5th Edition are related to sections 2.4.3 (Nonconformity management), 2.6 (Management system requirements), 2.7.1 (Management review input) and 4.0 (Resource requirements) and are effective January 2021. There was also a change to SI 11 section 5.10 (Writing the audit report) and SI 14 section 5.11.3 (Certification body responsibility).

The approved SI for the IATF 16949:2016 standard is related to section 10.2.3 (Problem Solving) and is effective January 2021. There was also an administrative change to SI 10 related to section 7.1.5.3 (External Laboratory) to show that the note and subsequent paragraphs were not excluded.

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

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