

# IATF Transfer Requirements for clients certified to IATF 16949 by NSF-ISR in China

## FOREWORD

The contract between the IATF-recognized certification body NSF-ISR and their joint venture partner, Jiangsu AQA International Standard Certification Co. Ltd, terminated in July 2023 and NSF-ISR had decided to discontinue IATF certification services in China as of September 2023.

NSF-ISR will continue as an IATF-recognized certification body; however, clients will no longer be able to receive IATF 16949 audits from NSF-ISR in China.

All clients are required to start the transfer process immediately to another IATF-recognized certification body. The initial step to transfer requires the clients to establish a legally enforceable contract with another IATF-recognized certification body. Clients shall ensure a legally enforceable contract is established early enough to be able to transfer to another IATF recognized certification body. The list of IATF-recognized certification bodies can be found under:

<https://www.iatfglobaloversight.org/certification-bodies/under-contract/> (English)

<https://iatfglobaloversight.org.cn/certification-bodies/under-contract/> (Chinese)

The IATF is aware of the inconveniences this contract termination will have for the certified clients. Therefore, a set of requirements and special waivers were approved to minimize the impact and assist clients that intend to maintain an IATF-recognized IATF 16949 certification by an IATF-recognized certification body.

## 1. Validity of NSF-ISR IATF 16949 certificates in China

All IATF 16949 certificates issued by NSF-ISR in China as of July 2023 are considered valid until 30 June 2024, as long as the transfer requirements are met in section 2 below.

## 2. Transfer Requirements for clients in China holding a valid NSF-ISR IATF 16949 certificates

Every client who still has a valid IATF 16949 certificate (see 1 above) is required to transfer to another IATF-recognized certification body according to the following scenarios:

- a) if the next regular audit (surveillance or recertification) is due prior to 1 April 2024, a transfer audit shall be completed prior to 1 April 2024
- b) If the next regular audit is due after 1 April 2024, then the transfer audit shall be completed on or before the due date of the next regular audit (surveillance or recertification)

Note: If a transfer audit is not conducted per the timing requirements in scenarios a) or b) above, a full initial certification audit is required, but without a stage 1 readiness review and to full stage 2 audit days.

- c) If a stage 1 readiness review was conducted, and no stage 2 audit occurred, the client is required to start over again with a full initial certification audit.
- d) The new IATF-recognized certification body shall apply the normal transfer requirements as defined in IATF Rules 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. Exceptions may apply as described in this document.
- e) The transfer audit is equivalent to a recertification audit using recertification audit days.
- f) The new IATF-recognized certification body shall enter the audit in the IATF Database and issue a 3 year IATF 16949 certificate according to the requirements in the IATF Rules 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, section 5.13.

If you have questions regarding these requirements and special waivers, please contact the new IATF-recognized certification body or the relevant Oversight office.

Please use this official communication in order to provide evidence to your customer(s) or other stakeholders concerning the validity of your certificate and the special transfer requirements.