

STQC Certification Services
Policy for Transition to ISO 9001:2015

23rd June, 2017

Existing Clients:

General

- Clients shall be encouraged to switchover to ISO 9001:2015 at the earliest, preferable during forthcoming surveillance. STQC may spend extra Man-days to verify additional requirements. No additional cost (other than man-day cost) will be charged to the client for switchover to ISO 9001:2015.
- The STQC certification services based on past audit results and client communication as well as during the transition audit will ensure conformance to ISO 9001:2008 throughout the transition process.
- STQC shall issue ISO 9001:2015 certificates after a full assessment or a surveillance assessment that verifies compliances against all additional requirements published in ISO 9001:2015, following normal process of raising nonconformity (ies) and its verification, where needed.
- The ISO 9001:2008 certification shall automatically become invalid after 14 September 2018.
- Hence forth, the validity of certificates issued against ISO 9001:2008 will be restricted to 14 September, 2018.

Surveillance Assessments:

- The surveillance assessments till 31st Dec, 2017 may be conducted against ISO 9001:2008 or as opted by the client. To facilitate this, regional manager shall afford right to exercise this option while finalizing surveillances audits. All surveillance assessments on and after 31st, Dec, 2017 shall be against the new standard ISO 9001:2015.

Recertification Assessments:

- The recertification assessments for the clients expiring till 10, Sept, 2017 may be conducted against ISO 9001:2008 or as opted by client. The recertification assessments for the clients expiring after 10, Sept, 2017, shall be conducted as per ISO 9001:2015.

New applications:

- New applications for certifications against ISO 9001:2008 will not be accepted after 1st, August, 2017.

ISO 9001:2015 Audits

- For new clients against ISO 9001:2015, full audit containing stage 1 and stage 2 audits will be undertaken as per the existing procedure. For transition assessment to ISO 9001:2015 during surveillance/recertification, an off-site document review followed by stage 2 audit will be undertaken based on the recommendation of RM for exclusion of Stage 1 audit else stage one audit will also be undertaken.

Man-days requirements for ISO 9001:2015 Certification/Transition

- a) New application against ISO 9001:2015

For new application the man-days will be calculated as per existing guidelines (IAF-MD-05), no additional man-days will be added.

- b) Transition during Surveillance audits:

The CB shall spend audit duration equal to recertification audit duration plus 0.5 man-day in case of transition during surveillance audit

- c) Transition during re-certification audit

0.5 additional man-day extra will be added to total recertification audit man-days in case of transition during recertification audit.

- d) Applicability:

This is applicable for one scheme i.e. "QMS certification based on ISO 9001:2015) only.

Dated: 27/06/2017


CEO (certification)