

Dear Customer,

Sept. 15, 2015 the new standards for the certification of quality management systems ISO 9001:2015 “Quality management systems - Requirements” and for the certification of environmental management systems ISO 14001:2015 “Environmental management systems - requirements with guidance for use” have been published.

The ISO 9001:2015 replaces ISO 9001:2008, which is simultaneously withdrawn, but remains valid in the transition period.

The ISO 14001: 2015 replaces ISO 14001: 2004, which is simultaneously withdrawn, but remains valid in the transition period.

This combination really creates a lot of interest around the two new standards.

We are available to provide all the necessary support to properly handle the transition process or, where necessary, a new certification for an integrated system.

**Feel free to contact us for any further requirements: 01618841248
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**VALIDITY OF
ACCREDITED
CERTIFICATION TO
ISO 9001:2008
AND
ISO 14001:2004**

For 3 years starting from the date of publication of ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015, both certification issued to ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 14001:2004 and certification issued to new ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015 will be valid. Three years after the publication of ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015, accredited certification issued to ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 14001:2004 will no longer be valid.

The expiry date of the ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 14001:2004 issued during the transitional period will be the same of the end of the transition period of three years.

The timing relating to the audit and issuance of the certificate to the new standards must be planned in advance, taking into account both the period of transition and the period of certification in progress.

Certified organizations with the previous version of the standard are encouraged to implement the new version of the standard.

**TRANSITION OF
ACCREDITED
CERTIFICATION**

ISO 9001:2015/ISO 14001:2015 under accreditation may be issued only after the Organization has demonstrated compliance of its system to ISO 9001:2015/ISO 14001:2015 to a certification body that has been accredited to issue certificates against the new standard.

For the purposes of the transition, ASACERT must conduct an audit at each customer, against ISO 9001:2015/ISO 14001:2015.

ASACERT can conduct the transition during a planned surveillance audit, or a recertification audit, or a special audit. When transition audits coincide with a planned surveillance audit, it is reasonable to expect a 20% increase in the audit time, rounded to the upper half day. When transition audits coincide with a recertification audit, it is reasonable to expect that there are not any increases in the duration of the audit. Any changes to the audit time, now unforeseeable because they are linked to the specificity of a single Organization, will be promptly communicated to the client in the planning stage of the transition audit, or during its conduction.

**ORGANIZATIONS
USING
ISO 9001:2008/
ISO 14001:2004**

Organizations using ISO 9001:2008/ISO 14001:2004 are recommended to take the following actions:

- identify organizational gaps which need to be addressed to meet new requirements;
- develop an implementation plan;
- provide appropriate training and awareness for all parties that have an impact on the effectiveness of the organization;
- update the existing quality management system (QMS)/environmental management system (EMS) to meet the revised requirements and provide verification of effectiveness;
- liaise with ASACERT for transition arrangements.

**CERTIFICATION
ACTIVITIES**

1 NEW CERTIFICATION AND RECERTIFICATION.

ISO 9001:2008/ISO 14001:2004 may be issued or recertified against ISO 9001:2008/ISO 14001:2004 also after the publication of the new standards. The expiry date of the ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 14001:2004 issued or recertified during the transition period, however, will correspond to the date of the end of the transition period of three years.

2 REVOCATION.


After 36 months from the publication of ISO 9001:2015/ISO 14001:2015, accredited certification to ISO 9001:2008/ISO 14001:2004 will no longer be valid, and will be revoked.

**PROCESS OF
TRANSITION**

ASACERT will assess compliance to the new standard with a single audit (as specified above) or, if requested by the customer, through a progressive or staged approach (e.g. assessing compliance during the first audit planned after the date of this communication, and evaluating the implementation of the findings against the new standard during the audit planned for the following year; in this case it will be expected the same approach as described above regarding audit time, that is for every audit 20% increase if surveillance, no increase if recertification). ASACERT will ensure, however, clients' ongoing conformance to ISO 9001:2008/ISO 14001:2004 through the transition process.

Organizations that will not complete the transition within the cut-off date will be subject to a full initial audit.

ASACERT will also ensure that:

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- all issues that require client action for compliance with the new requirements will be clearly identified and raised as documented findings;
 - only when all identified outstanding issues have been appropriately addressed and the effectiveness of the management system demonstrated, auditors will recommend certification to the published ISO 9001:2015/ISO 14001:2015 standards;
 - records will be available to demonstrate that all prior transition audit findings have been evaluated for corrective action and compliance before any recommendation for approval to ISO 9001:2015/ISO 14001:2015 can be made;
 - the evaluation of a client's conformance to the new requirements during the transition phase will not interfere with the client's on-going conformance to ISO 9001:2008/ISO 14001:2004.

ACCREDITATION

Certification Bodies can issue accredited certification to ISO 9001:2015/ISO 14001: 2015 only once a new accreditation certificate has been issued.

With effect from 36 months after the publication of ISO 9001:2015/ISO 14001:2015 accreditations that still refer to the ISO 9001:2008/ISO 14001:2004 will be revoked.

IAF MD 5: 2015

Please also be advised that on 9th June 2015 IAF - International Accreditation Forum - has issued the third edition of the document IAF MD 5:2015 "Determination of Time Audit of Quality and Environmental Management Systems" which will be applicable from 9th June next year.

IAF MD 5 (http://www.iaf.nu/articles/Mandatory_Documents_/38) contains mandatory provisions and guidelines for the determination of the audit time for certification bodies of quality management systems and environmental management systems. If changes are necessary to actual mandays scheduled for execution of initial audit, surveillance and recertification, the same changes will apply as of 9 th June 2016.