

Information about the “new“ ISO 9001:2008

Upgrading from ISO 9001:2000 to ISO 9001:2008 is easier than you think. While the standard does not define any new requirements, companies should meet the relevant deadlines.

WHAT'S NEW AND WHAT WILL STAY THE SAME?

The new ISO 9001:2008 will come into effect in late 2008. According to an official notification called the Joint IAF-ISO communiqué, the new ISO standard will not include any new requirements, but will provide additional explanations for existing ISO 9001:2000 requirements and aim at improving consistency with ISO 14001:2004.

THE TRANSITION FROM THE “OLD“ TO THE “NEW“ STANDARD

One year after the publication of ISO 9001:2008, all accredited certificates must be issued as per this new standard. This applies to both initial and re-certification. Two years after the publication of ISO 9001:2008, every existing certification as per ISO 9001:2000 will become invalid. Because of this, it is important to observe the pertinent deadlines.

OUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AN EASY AND SMOOTH TRANSITION

It's all about the deadline: we recommend different approaches depending on the deadline and the certificate's period of validity. The deadline will be two years after the publication of the new standard (if the standard is published on 15 November 2008, for example, the deadline would be 15 November 2010).

- If your certificate's period of validity expires **before** the deadline, we recommend an upgrade to the new standard within the scope of a re-certification audit.
- If your certificate's period of validity expires **after** the deadline, we recommend an upgrade within the scope of the next surveillance audit

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