

## Transition to the Standard ISO 9001:2008

Dear Sirs,

All standards published by the ISO Organization are subject to regular reviews, which may result in confirmation, modification or withdrawal of a particular standard version. After reviewing the adequacy of the standard version ISO 9001: 2000, based on received feedback by the certified organizations, the Technical Committee ISO/TC 176 decided to carry out minor modifications and publish the new version of the standard. The new, fourth edition of the standard ISO 9001 was published on 15 November 2008.

It is important to note that the standard ISO 9001:2008 does not include new requirements. In making the new version, special care was taken to make such amendments that would bring greatest possible benefit and least negative impact on users. The new standard offers additional explanations to the existing requirements in ISO 9001:2000, on the basis of its eight-years long implementation worldwide. Additionally, amendments are introduced within ISO 9001:2008 in order to make it more consistent with the standard ISO 14001:2004.

Common ISO-IAF communique for the implementation of accredited certification for ISO9001:2008 prescribes the following:

1. All accredited certifications (new certifications and recertifications) shall be carried out according to the standard ISO 9001:2008 following the completion of 1.5 years from the publication of the new standard (i.e. after 15 November 2009).
2. All certificates issued according to ISO 9001:2000 shall become invalid after 15 November 2010.

### Obligations of the certified organizations

Determining the compliance of the quality management system with the requirements of the standard ISO 9001:2008 for the organizations certified by YUQS does not require new, non-scheduled certification audit; instead, it will be done during the regular surveillance/recertification audits of quality management system. In accordance with the above mentioned communique, recommendations and instructions for the new standard

implementation, beginning with 15 November 2009, all new certifications and recertifications will be carried out solely in compliance with the requirements of the standard ISO 9001: 2008. If wished so by the organizations, new certifications and recertifications according to ISO 9001: 2008 may be carried out prior to this date.

Moreover, beginning with 15 November 2009, all surveillance audits of QMS shall be carried out solely in accordance with the standard ISO 9001:2008. The organizations to undergo a regular surveillance audit can choose among the following options:

- Carrying out the regular surveillance audit followed by the QMS certificate compliant with the standard ISO 9001:2008 (i.e. SRPS ISO 9001:2008), on condition that all general rules for issuing the certificate have been met. This certificate shall be valid by the same date as indicated in the previously issued certificate for ISO 9001:2000 (i.e. SRPS ISO 9001:2001 or JUS ISO 9001:2001).
- Carrying out the regular recertification audit at the time of the regular surveillance audit followed by the issuing of the QMS certificate compliant with the standard ISO 9001:2008 (i.e. SRPS ISO 9001:2008), with 3 years' validity period, on condition that general rules for issuance of certificate are met.

Organizations are recommended the following steps:

1. Study the new edition of the standard. You can make use of the Annex B as part of the ISO 9001:2008, for easier identification and clarification of amendments.
2. Make sure to check whether your interpretation of the points of the standard ISO 9001:2000 differs from the explanations given in ISO 9001:2008.
3. If they differ, identify the effect of the explanation of the new standard version with respect to your present implementation of the standard ISO 9001 and plan all necessary actions.
4. Use the PDCA model (Plan-Do-Check-Act) in the realization of the actions, but respect the prescribed timelines.
5. After the actions have been taken, carry out the internal audit and management review.

There is also a recommendation regarding the possibility of enhancing the process (especially the „outsourced“ processes) as well as carrying out the training of internal auditors and other employees (as necessary).

The organizations whose quality management system is integrated with another management system or with HACCP concept are advised to review both their existing integration level and further integration possibilities.

For any additional information and instructions for transition to the quality management system complied with the standard ISO 9001:2008, the following publications are recommended:

- ISO 9001:2008 – Introduction and support package  
[http://www.iso.org/iso/iso\\_catalogue/management\\_standards/iso\\_9000\\_iso\\_14000/iso\\_9001\\_2008.htm](http://www.iso.org/iso/iso_catalogue/management_standards/iso_9000_iso_14000/iso_9001_2008.htm)
- Introduction and support package: Guidance on the documentation requirements of ISO 9001:2008  
[http://www.iso.org/iso/iso\\_catalogue/management\\_standards/iso\\_9000\\_iso\\_14000/iso\\_9001\\_2008/guidance\\_on\\_the\\_documentation\\_requirements\\_of\\_iso\\_9001\\_2008.htm](http://www.iso.org/iso/iso_catalogue/management_standards/iso_9000_iso_14000/iso_9001_2008/guidance_on_the_documentation_requirements_of_iso_9001_2008.htm)
- Introduction and support package: Implementation guidance for ISO 9001:2008  
[http://www.iso.org/iso/iso\\_catalogue/management\\_standards/iso\\_9000\\_iso\\_14000/iso\\_9001\\_2008/implementation\\_guidance\\_for\\_iso\\_9001\\_2008.htm](http://www.iso.org/iso/iso_catalogue/management_standards/iso_9000_iso_14000/iso_9001_2008/implementation_guidance_for_iso_9001_2008.htm)
- FAQs on ISO 9001:2008  
[http://www.iso.org/iso/iso\\_catalogue/management\\_standards/iso\\_9000\\_iso\\_14000/iso\\_9001\\_2008/faqs\\_on\\_iso\\_9001.htm](http://www.iso.org/iso/iso_catalogue/management_standards/iso_9000_iso_14000/iso_9001_2008/faqs_on_iso_9001.htm)

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Faithfully yours,

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