

KEY POINTS FROM THE IATF TRANSITION STRATEGY FROM ISO/TS 16949 TO IATF 16949



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IATF 16949:2016 is now published by IATF and will supersede and replace the current **ISO/TS 16949**, defining the requirements of a quality management system for organizations in the automotive industry.



1. The earliest an organisation may transition is 1st January 2017

2. After 1st October 2017 no audits (initial, surveillance, recertification or transfer) shall be conducted to **ISO/TS 16949:2009**



3. Organizations shall transition to the new **IATF 16949** standard in line with their current audit cycle i.e. at the next planned surveillance or recertification

a. Failure to conduct a transition audit according to the timing in the IATF Rules requires the organization to start over with an initial certification audit

b. No stage 1 readiness review is required, as long as the initial certification audit to **IATF 16949** is conducted within 18 months of the last audit to **ISO/TS 16949:2009** and is the duration of an initial audit

4. Organizations certified to **ISO/TS 16949:2009** cannot transition during a transfer audit or through a special audit

5. The transition audit shall be the duration of a recertification audit and shall comply with all requirements defined in the IATF Rules, section 6.8. A (new) subsequent audit cycle starts from the last day of the transition audit

a. All supporting functions onsite or remote shall be included in the transition process in line with the current **ISO/TS 16949:2009** audit cycle and shall be included at the transition audit (please refer to the support function notes on pages 5 & 6 of the IATF transition document)

6. The certification body can make a positive certification decision even after the expiration date of the existing **ISO/TS 16949:2009** certificate, as long as the decision is made within a maximum of 120 calendar days from the last day of the transition audit

a. *NOTE: This might result in a period where the client's **ISO/TS 16949:2009** certificate has expired and no valid certificate exists before a new **IATF 16949** certificate is then issued*

7. Organizations can have initial audits to **ISO/TS 16949:2009** until 1st October 2017, but their certificates will only be valid until 14th September 2018.

After 1st October 2017, organizations can only be audited to **IATF 16949:2016**



8. Organizations may upgrade from **ISO 9001:2015** to the new **IATF 16949:2016** standard. It is not possible to upgrade from **ISO 9001:2008**

9. Organizations with an existing Letter of Conformance will need to have a full initial audit when moving to the new **IATF 16949:2016** standard

10. Organizations that have had an **ISO/TS 16949:2009** certificate withdrawn will need to have a full **IATF 16949:2016** Stage 2 audit, however no Stage 1 is required

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