



TL 9000 Informational Alert

1. Originating Workgroup: Workgroup: Integrated Global Quality (IGQ) Contact: contact@questforum.org	2. Alert Number: 16-007A
3. Documentation Affected: TL 9000 Quality Management System Requirements Handbook	4. Issue Date: 01 July, 2016
5. Reason for Alert: Clarify the rules for the implementation of the TL 9000:2016 (R6) Release of the TL 9000 Requirements Handbook	
6. Description: <p>The newly released TL 9000:2016 (R6) Requirements Handbook has a publication date of September 15, 2016. Section 1.6 of the Handbook states:</p> <p>“When a new release of this handbook is published, all changes become effective on the date shown below. At that date, audits may be conducted to the new standard. All Certifications must be upgraded to the new release by the obsolescence date shown below.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R6.0 effective September 15, 2016 R5.5 obsolete September 15, 2018</p> <p>This means organizations may be audited to the R6.0 Requirements beginning September 15, 2016 and must have successfully completed their external audit and their CB must have issued the updated certificate to the R6.0 Requirements handbook by September 15, 2018. This obsolete date matches the mandatory implementation date of the ISO 9001:2015 requirements which are included in the TL 9000:2016 Requirements Handbook. Organizations may upgrade any time between these two dates. Organizations are encouraged to upgrade at their earliest convenience after the effective date to more quickly gain the benefits of the new version. Whenever the organization chooses to upgrade to R6.0, then at a minimum, all requirements changes between R5.5 and R6.0 which impact the organization’s QMS, including those in the underlying ISO 9001:2015 requirements, must be assessed during the next audit of the organization (surveillance, certification, recertification, or upgrade) in order for the organization to become certified to the R6.0 version.</p>	



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In order to conduct an audit to the TL 9000:2016 (R6) Requirements Handbook, the Certification Body auditor must have completed the TL 9000 Release R5.5 to R6.0 Requirements Delta training class available through the TL 9000 web-site at

http://www.tl9000.org/training/delta_training.html.

This class will be available by 1 August, 2016.

In addition, Site licenses and printed copies of R6.0 are available to be purchased from the web-site at http://www.tl9000.org/handbooks/buy_handbooks.html.

7. Comments:

The new Handbook will be translated into Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish.