

TL 9000 Informational Alert

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TL 9000 Requirements Handbook R6.3	April 19, 2024

5. Reason for Alert:

<u>Publication of Climate Action Amendments to ISO Management System Standards</u>

6. Description:

On February 23, 2024, the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) issued climate change amendments to several of its management system standards - including ISO 9001.

Because ISO 9001 now includes the climate change amendments and TIA QuEST Forum has an agreement which allows the automatic use of the latest version of ISO 9001, the TL 9000 Requirements Handbook, R6.3 now includes the climate change amendments.

Because these are amendments and not revisions, a new TL 9000 Requirements Handbook will not be published for them.

The amendments can be found in the <u>IAF/ISO Joint Communique on the addition of Climate Change considerations to Management Systems Standards</u>.

This joint communique also highlights the background and intent of the amendments.

Note that in a separate <u>IAF Communique</u> it is stated "...upon publication, certification bodies should include the new text in their auditing of the organization and its context. As with normal practice, where a certified organization cannot demonstrate that all external and internal issues that have been determined as relevant, including Climate Change, have been considered, a suitable finding should be raised...."

Some TL 9000 certified organizations have mentioned that they have been asked about these amendments during audits. TL 9000 certified organizations should find that the climate change amendments align with TL 9000 because of existing sustainability requirements such as 9.1.3.C.3 Sustainability Assessment and 9.3.2.C.1 Sustainability Assessment Results.

There are on-going discussions within the IAF and ISO that will be communicated as needed.



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7. Comments:

For additional information regarding the climate change amendments, please visit:

- ANAB "Heads-Up":
 https://anab.qualtraxcloud.com/ShowDocument.aspx?ID=35148
- ISO 9000 Auditing Practices Group

 https://committee.iso.org/home/tc176/iso-9001-auditing-practices-group.html