Migration Path to TL 9000

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Purpose
QuEST Forum recognizes the achievement of existing quality management systems efforts. These efforts will be leveraged in the migration path to TL 9000. To follow any of the migration paths below, the TL 9000 candidate must have a current registration to a recognized Quality Management System. The scope of the existing registration shall be compared to the scope of the TL 9000 registration being sought. Additions to the existing scope must be assessed to the TL 9000 requirements.

The following Quality Management System registrations are currently recognized:
   a) ISO 9001
   b) TS 16949, and
   c) AS9100.

TS 16949 and AS9100 registrations will be treated the same as ISO registrations. Other quality management systems will be recognized as necessary.

Migration Path
This migration process is to be used only during the initial TL 9000 certification process. Subsequent assessment activities will be conducted per standard certification procedures.

To migrate from ISO 9001 or another ISO 9001 based quality management system to TL 9000 the organization shall conform to all TL 9000 additional requirements contained in a currently valid release of the TL 9000 Quality Management System Requirements Handbook and the TL 9000 Quality Management System Measurements Handbook applicable within the scope of its TL 9000 certification. If the upgrade to TL 9000 is performed as a stand alone audit, no reassessment of the underlying ISO 9001 clauses is required except as incidental to the TL 9000 audit or, if appropriate, due to scope adjustments or organizational changes since the most recent assessment. The upgrade to TL 9000 may also occur during an ISO 9001 surveillance or re-certification audit.

TL 9000 Auditor Time
The TL 9000 Auditor Time chart defines the minimum number of on-site audit-days needed to assess the TL 9000 Requirements and Measurements over and above the time noted in the IAF Mandatory Document for duration of QMS and EMS Audits (IAF MD5). The most current version of the table is available on the TL 9000 website (visit http://tl9000.org).

The table shows the minimum number of on-site audit days that should be spent by the registrar for the TL 9000 portion of the initial quality management system audit, recertification audit, and ongoing surveillance audits. The number of days allocated for assessment of the TL 9000 requirements and measurements must conform to the rules defined in the current TL 9000 Auditor Time document for the Initial or Re-certification audit.

Stage 1 Audit
A Stage 1 audit as part of the migration process is optional based on the knowledge of the Certification Body of the organization from previous ISO 9001 or other audits and the TL 9000 pre-audit information package.

Use
Use of this Migration Path document is effective immediately on release and remains in effect until modified by the QuEST Forum. The most current version of this document is available on the TL 9000 website (visit http://tl9000.org).