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## **ISSUE OF THE NEW ISO 9001:2008 STANDARD**

On 14/11/2008, ISO published the new edition of the ISO 9001:2008 standard.

This edition contains no new or different requirements from the old ISO 9001:2000, but introduces clarifications to existing points aimed at improving uniformity of implementation and also at improving compatibility with the ISO 14001:2004 standard.

IAF and ISO have agreed methods to ensure a smooth transition to the new standard for organizations with an already certified Quality Management System.

It has been established that from the date of publication of the new ISO 9001:2008 standard:

- The Certificate of Conformity to ISO 9001:2008 could be issued to already certified organizations, after the already planned surveillance or recertification audit during which application of the new standard will be verified.
- Certification Bodies, one year after publication of the new standard (14/11/2009), will issue new certificates or recertification for conformity to the ISO 9001:2008 standard only.
- Any existing certificates in compliance with ISO 9001:2000 will cease to be valid two years after publication of ISO 9001:2008 (14/11/2010).

It is therefore possible that during this two year period, some certificates complying with ISO 9001:2000 continue to be valid; in the meantime, certificates of conformity to the new standard have already been issued.

To facilitate implementation of the new standard, RINA will issue a certificate of conformity to ISO 9001:2008 to already certified organisations following the routine surveillance or recertification audit foreseen in 2009 without any additional costs.

To obtain the above, already certified organisations need to verify whether the new standard may have some influence on their Management System using Annex B of the new standard to identify the modification, checking if their interpretation are different from the clarifications provided by ISO 9001: 2008, and whether it is necessary to take remedial actions concerning the system to ensure its full conformity.

Following a prior request from the organisation to the local RINA office, the conclusion and results of the implementation of ISO 9001: 2008 will be verified by RINA during the above mentioned audit (see also the "ISO implementation guidance for ISO 9001: 2008").

It is recommended that organisations requesting certification of their Quality Management System for the first time adopt the new ISO 9001:2008 standard immediately.