

PUBLICATION OF THE STANDARD ISO/TS 16949:2009

The new edition of the ISO/TS 16949:2009 Standard was published in English on 15/06/2009.

In the coming months, the Standard will be published in the following languages: Italian, French, Chinese, Portuguese, Spanish, German, Japanese, Korean and Polish.

This edition of the Standard does not contain any additional or different requirements compared to the old ISO/TS 16949:2002 but simply incorporates the amendments made to the ISO 9001:2008 Standard, which add clarifications concerning some existing points aimed at improving uniform application and compatibility with the ISO 14001: 2004 Standard.

Therefore, organisations already certified according to ISO/TS 16949:2002 are required to transpose the new Standard into their Quality Management System, updating the relevant documentation, verifying to what extent the new Standard may affect the Management System, checking whether their interpretations are different from the clarifications given by the new Standard and verifying whether the Management System requires corrective action to be taken to ensure it is fully compliant.

The IATF has defined procedures to ensure a smooth transition to the new Standard for companies whose Quality Management System has already been certified ISO/TS 16949:2002, (*IATF communiqué 2008-006 – “ISO/TS 16949:2009 Transition process” published on the internet site www.iatfglobaloversight.org*).

From the time of publication of the new ISO/TS 16949:2009 Standard, the following has been established:

- Organisations already certified according to the ISO/TS16949:2002 Standard must transpose the ISO/TS16949:2009 into their Quality Management System within 4 months of publication of the Standard;
- Certificates of compliance with ISO/TS 16949:2009 may be issued to companies which already have an ISO/TS16949:2002 certificate, following an already planned surveillance or recertification audit during which transposition of the new Standard will be checked;
- From the date of publication of the new Standard, certification bodies will be able to issue new or recertification certificates according to ISO/TS 16949:2009.

In particular, to make it easier to incorporate the new Standard, RINA has established the following:

- From the date of publication of the ISO/TS 16949:2009 Standard, RINA can perform audits and issue certificates according to the new Standard to both organisations not yet certified as well as to those already certified according to the ISO/TS16949:2002 Standard. Thus, organisations can send a request for certification/transition to the new Standard to the local RINA Office as from now.
- Starting from 01/01/2010, RINA will only undertake certification, recertification and surveillance audits according to the ISO/TS 16949:2009 Standard. Therefore, for organisations already certified according to the ISO/TS 16949:2002 Standard, the surveillance or recertification audit planned starting from that date will be undertaken in accordance with the new Standard. Following the successful outcome of this audit, an ISO/TS 16949:2009 certificate will be issued.

In particular, for organisations already certified in accordance with the ISO/TS 16949:2002 Standard which request transition to the new Standard, the certificate of conformity to the ISO/TS 16949:2009 Standard will be issued at no extra cost.