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Publication of ISO 9001:2008 “Quality management systems – Requirements”

Companies holding SSAIB certification for their quality management systems are advised that the 2008 version of BS EN ISO 9001:2008 has now been published (15th November 2008).

ISO 9001:2008 does not contain any new requirements and SSAIB will apply the new document in a measured and practical manner.

ISO 9001:2008 only introduces clarifications to the existing requirements of ISO 9001:2000 based on eight years of experience of implementing the standard world wide with about one million certificates issued in 170 countries to date. It also introduces changes intended to improve consistency with other published standards.

Implementation

The SSAIB implementation plan, in accordance with UKAS¹ and IAF² guidance, is as follows:

The new standard will be applied during your next SSAIB ISO 9001 surveillance or re-certification visit. It is anticipated that quality management systems which are fully compliant with the 2000 version of the standard will continue to comply or will comply with minor adjustments. Any issues arising from the revised standard will be treated as observations on your first visit Any such observations should be addressed and closed before the next scheduled visit otherwise at that subsequent visit they may be escalated to non-conformances.

Validity of certifications to ISO 9001:2000

One year after publication of ISO 9001:2008, **i.e. by the end of 2009** all accredited certifications issued (new certifications or re-certifications) shall be to ISO 9001:2008

Twenty four months after publication by ISO of ISO 9001:2008, **i.e. by the end of 2010** any existing certification issued to ISO 9001:2000 shall not be valid.

¹ The United Kingdom Accreditation Service (the UK’s government-sponsored body which accredits SSAIB).

² The International Accreditation Forum (The international body to which UKAS belongs).

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