

Client Notice No. 1

Transition from ISO 9001:2000 to ISO 9001:2008

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This Client Notice outlines APIQR's process for transitioning to ISO 9001:2008 which was published on November 14, 2008. It applies to both applicants and registered clients.

Overview

ISO 9001:2008 does not contain new requirements. The changes were made to clarify existing requirements and to enhance compatibility with ISO 14001:2004.

To ensure the smooth transition to ISO 9001:2008, the ISO (International Organization for Standardization) and the IAF (International Accreditation Forum) had agreed to a plan which is as follows:

Accredited certification to the ISO 9001:2008 shall not be granted until the publication of ISO 9001:2008 as an International Standard.

Certification of conformity to ISO 9001:2008 and/or national equivalents shall only be issued after official publication of ISO 9001:2008 and after a routine surveillance or recertification audit against ISO 9001:2008.

Validity of certifications to ISO 9001:2000

One year after publication of ISO 9001:2008 all accredited certifications issued (new certifications or recertifications) shall be to ISO 9001:2008.

Twenty four months after publication by ISO of ISO 9001:2008, any existing certification issued to ISO 9001:2000 shall not be valid.

APIQR Transition Schedule

Consistent with the ISO/IAF transition agreement, APIQR will observe the following schedule:

- All applications received by January 1, 2009 will be for ISO 9001:2008 registrations.
- All initial (Stage 1 and 2) and surveillance audits will be performed against ISO 9001:2008 starting March 15, 2009. (Note: If the Stage 1 audit was performed before March 15, 2009 but the Stage 2 audit was performed after this date, then the Stage 2 audit will be performed against ISO 9001:2008 and the registration certificate will be issued to ISO 9001:2008.)
- Registration certificates of existing clients will be transitioned to ISO 9001:2008 after close of the annual (surveillance audit). All nonconformances identified in the annual audit must be closed by APIQR before the registration is transitioned to ISO 9001:2008.
- Annual or surveillance audits of all existing clients to ISO 9001:2008 will be completed by September 30, 2010.

If you have questions or need further clarification on the transition schedule, please contact APIQR at (202)-682-8131 or email gillespiec@api.org.
