Dear valued TÜV NORD customer,

This is to inform you of the current status of the changes in the IRIS certification scheme.

Based on the decision of the ISO organization to revise the ISO 9001 standard from version 2008 to 2015 and the related transition process, UNIFE has decided to revise the IRIS to an ISO/TS standard as well to align it with the structure and requirements of ISO 9001:2015. UNIFE published a transition plan to ISO/TS on the IRIS web page (www.iris-rail.org) on October 31, 2016.


IRIS Certification™ Rules:2017 is available on the IRIS portal from June 1, 2017.

As per information given by UNIFE:

- The transition phase will start in accordance with the publication of ISO/TS 22163.
- Certification and transition audits according to ISO/TS 22163 will start from June 1, 2017.
- Certification audits according to IRIS rev. 02 will be possible until December 2017.
- Recertification and surveillance audits according to IRIS rev. 02 can be performed until June 2018.
- All organizations currently certified according to IRIS rev. 02 must successfully make the transition by September 14, 2018.
- All audit cycles started afterwards are considered as certification audits without reduction of time.
- All IRIS rev. 02 issued certificates are valid until September 14, 2018 at the latest.

- Consequently, all IRIS certificates valid after September 14, 2018 will expire on this date, independent of whether a later date is stated on the certification document.
- Transition audit time will be initial audit days with max 20 % reduction.
- The transition process includes:
  - Transition audits (readiness review and certification)
  - Nonconformity management
  - Certificate issue

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... only 15 months!
Two options defined for the transition process and updated IRIS audit rules shall be implemented for both options.

**Option 1: Transition process within the current audit cycle**

The reference date for the organization is maintained

- ...at next planned surveillance audit
- ...or at next planned recertification audit

**Option 2: Transition process at any time**

The reference date for the organization will be defined according to the successful transition audit

- ...outside the normal surveillance cycle, at any time as per request of the client
- ...or during early recertification audit

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**TÜV NORD CERT expectations and recommendations regarding transition from IRIS to ISO/TS**

After ISO/TS 22163 and IRIS Certification™ Rules publication, organizations should be aware of, consider the following, and have to

- review the changes resp. new requirements and their impact to your QMS
- implement the changed requirements resp. adjust and update your QMS accordingly
- expect that they have to conduct a full internal audit and management review based on ISO/TS
- apply to your CB for transition audit
- send required documentation (stakeholder analysis, customer feedbacks, turtle diagrams,...) for audit at least 60 calendar days in advance
- conduct ISO/TS 22163 transition audit
- follow up audit results (e.g. resolve non-conformities)
- after successful completion of this process, an ISO/TS 22163 certificate will be issued with three (3) years validity minus one (1) day

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The transition phase finishes September 14, 2018. All audit cycles started afterwards are considered as certification audits without reduction time.

- After successful transition audit, new ISO/TS certificates will be issued with three (3) years validity minus one (1) day.
- Upgrade from other standards will be allowed only from ISO 9001:2015, AS 9100:2016, IATF 16949:2016 and IRIS rev. 02.
- The number of audit days is defined in the updated IRIS rules.

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