IATF 16949:2016

IATF 16949:2016 was released on 1 October 2016. It replaces ISO/TS 16949:2009. This standard, along with applicable customer-specific requirements and ISO 9001:2015, defines the quality management system requirements for automotive production and service parts organizations. IATF 16949 is to be understood as a supplement to and used in conjunction with ISO 9001:2015. IATF 16949:2016 can be purchased from the Automotive Industry Action Group (AIAG) at www.aiag.org. ISO 9001:2015 can be purchased from the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) at www.iso.org.

Similar to ISO 9001:2015, all organizations certified to ISO/TS 16949:2016 must complete their transition by 14 September 2018. In order to ensure that this timing is met, after 1 October 2017, no audits of any type shall be conducted to ISO/TS 16949:2009. All organizations should transition to the new standard in accordance with their normal audit cycle/allowable timing requirements. Transitioning on a special audit or a transfer audit is not allowed. The duration of the transition audit will be equivalent to a recertification audit. As such, a new audit cycle starts, and a new three-year certificate is issued after Veto Power approval of the audit.

The earliest possible date to conduct a transition audit is 1 January 2017. This will allow all auditors to complete their required training. Pre-assessments are not allowed for already certified organizations.

There are many new requirements in IATF 16949. PJR has a four part webinar series on the standard and transition process. These can be accessed at www.pjr.com/past-webinars.