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Attention Top Management

Please be advised that ISO 9001 has been revised, and the new ISO 9001:2015 was officially published on September 15, 2015. All organizations currently registered to ISO 9001:2008 will be required to upgrade their by September 14, 2018, as the 2008 version will become obsolete on that date. Our goal is to have all of our clients in a position where their transition audits are completed by June 15, 2018 in order for any corrective actions to be completed, and for the certifications to be processed well before the September 15, 2018 deadline.

As a leader of your organization, the new standard will require your involvement to further enhance the policies of your organization, and provide a framework and guidance to those personnel assigned to manage your Quality Management System.

ISO 9001 Quality Management Systems registration provides a set of uniform requirements for a quality management system. A number of quality management principles including a strong customer focus, support of top management, the process approach and continual improvement form the basis for the standard.

Changes to the Standard

The newly revised ISO 9001:2015 responds to the latest market developments, and is more compatible with other management systems, such as ISO 14001, thanks to an updated, higher-level structure. The new standard is less prescriptive than the previous version; instead focusing on performance through a combination of risk-based thinking and a process approach, as well as employment of the “Plan-Do-Check-Act” cycle at all levels in the organization.

Other updates include:

- Increased importance has been given to risk
- More emphasis has been placed on leadership and Top Management direction
- Greater significance of communication and awareness

These updates, along with changes to other management system standard, include implementing similar terminology across all standards and matching sub-clauses to the top-level structure, ensuring fully integrated systems. The ISO 9001:2015 standard can be purchased through the [NSF Bookstore](#).

ISO 9001:2015 Transition

NSF-ISR will be working with each of you (our clients) to provide a smooth transition over the next three years to the new International Standard for Quality Management. We are committed to ensuring that your organization understands the updated requirements and what steps your organization may need to take to achieve conformance. We have a number of resources available to help you through the transition:

- [Readiness Assessment Tool](#)
- [Transition Guide](#)
- [On-Demand Webinars](#)
- [ISO 9001:2015 Upgrade Planner and Delta Checklist](#)
- [Risk-based Thinking White Paper](#)
- [Top Reasons Not to Wait to Transition](#)

ISO 9001:2008 certificates will not be valid after the 3-year transition period. Organizations looking for first-time ISO 9001 certification are encouraged to certify to ISO 9001:2015. Existing ISO 9001:2008 clients are encouraged to transition early to avoid a bottleneck at the end of the 3-year transition period, or any unforeseen challenges with maintaining certification.

More information can be found at www.nsf.org/info/iso-updates or by contacting us at information@nsf-isr.org.