



March 18, 2020: Notice to Aerospace Clients of IAQG Update on COVID-19

The International Aerospace Quality Group (IAQG) issued an update on March 17, 2020, pertaining to changes in certification methods and timetables, based on the disruptions being caused by the COVID-19 virus. Following are details of that notice that apply to our Aerospace clients.

Risk Mitigation Measures:

Certification Bodies are now permitted to utilize the following alleviations for Aerospace audits that are affected by the impact of COVID-19:

- A 90-day extension is allowed for the completion of Nonconformance (NCR) verification activities.
- The date of the first surveillance audit shall occur within 18 months of the initial certification decision date.
- Virtual (i.e., Remote) auditing may consume more than 30% of the calculated audit duration. Any virtual auditing shall be conducted in accordance with IAF MD 4:2018.
- 2020 surveillance and recertification activities may be up to 100% virtual.
- Activities that cannot be evaluated during this surveillance/recertification audit shall be moved to the 2021 client surveillance or recertification plan and shall result in increased audit duration.
 - The use of video and live streaming is recommended to enhance the audit value.
 - The audit plan and 9101 audit report shall clearly indicate use of virtual auditing.
- Expired certificates shall be eligible for reinstatement for up to 12 months beyond the expiry date provided the certificate number has been appended with the following unique number [IAF-ID3].
- Certificates may be reinstated utilizing an initial certification audit in OASIS, without a stage 1 audit, using recertification audit criteria and audit duration.

PRI Registrar is implementing a Remote Auditing procedure that will support ANAB and IAQG requirement, that will allow our auditors to take advantage of these and other measures in conducting audits (partially or in some cases completely) remotely. Details of this process will be shared with you in the coming days, and our auditors will be trained in carrying them out at your facilities, where appropriate.

Thank you for your patience as we work to adapt as rapidly as possible to the constantly changing business environment under these difficult conditions.

Sincerely,
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