TL 9000 Informational Alert

1. Originating Workgroup:	2. Alert Number:
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3. Documentation Affected: TL 9000 Quality Management System Requirements Handbook	**4. Issue Date:** 23 June, 2009

5. Reason for Alert:

Clarify the rules for the implementation of the R5 Release of the TL 9000 Requirements Handbook

6. Description:

The R5 Requirements Handbook has a publication date of November 15, 2009. Section 1.7 of the Handbook states:

> "When a new release of this handbook is published, all changes become effective on the date of publication unless otherwise noted in the handbook. The new handbook may be used immediately on publication. Organizations seeking to achieve or maintain registration may continue to use the previous release of the handbook for 12 months after the date of publication of the new release. At that point, the old release becomes obsolete and may no longer be used for any registration or surveillance activities."

> R5.0 effective 15 November, 2009

> R4,0 obsolete 15 November, 2010

This means organizations may continue to use and be audited to the R4.0 Requirements Handbook for audits completed prior to November 15, 2010. All audits completed after that date must be performed to the R5.0 Requirements. There is no requirement stating the organization must be compliant with or upgrade to R5.0 Requirements prior to November 15, 2010, although they may choose to do so to more quickly gain the benefits of the new version. Whenever the organization chooses to upgrade to R5.0, then at a minimum, all requirements changes between R4.0 and R5.0 which impact the organization's QMS must be assessed during the next audit of the organization (surveillance, certification or recertification) in order for the organization to become certified to the R5.0 version.

The Auditor Time Chart is presently undergoing review and it is likely that there will be some changes related to the R5.0 Requirements and other needed modifications. The current schedule will have this work completed before November.

In order to conduct an audit to the R5.0 Requirements Handbook, the registrar auditor must have completed the TL 9000 Release R4.0 to R5.0 Requirements Delta training class available through the TL 9000 web-site at http://www.tl9000.org/training/delta_training.html. This class will be available on 1 July, 2009

7. Comments:

Work is in progress on translations of the new Handbook into Korean, Japanese, Chinese, Spanish, and French.

There is no schedule for the publication of the next release of the TL 9000 Measurements Handbook at this time.