

TL 9000 Informational Alert

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5. Reason for Alert:

To announce the publication of Release 6.0 of the Code of Practice for TL 9000 Certification Bodies (formerly Code of Practice for TL 9000 Registrars)

6. Description:

A new version of the subject document has been released. The revisions in this edition consist only of clarifications, minor corrections, and general updates. There are no new requirements. The changes include:

- Replacing the term "registrar" with "certification body" through out the document
- Correcting the timeframe for closing minor nonconformities to read "no later than the next surveillance"
- Clarifying the time frame for corrective action response by the Organization and implementation due dates
- Clarifying the term "Exemptions" will be used for exemption from reporting a required measurements as described in Section 4.2.8 of the Measurement Handbook and that all Exemptions shall be noted in the organization's profile
- Clarifying the term "Exclusions" will be used for exclusions from a requirement as described in Section 3.1 of the Requirements Handbook and that all Exclusions shall be noted in the organization's profile
- Clarifying that overdue minor nonconformances from the previous audit along with unresolved majors will result in no re-certification
- Adding Electronic Audit (e-audit) requirements replacing the stand alone document
- Updating the Reference and Acronyms Sections
- Adding a Certification Body requirement to verify necessary measurement information to be shared with suppliers in addition to customers as per Measurements Handbook R4.5



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- In the measurement requirements for initial registration, include the requirement for the verification of a minimum of 3 months pre-registration submissions as per Measurements Handbook R4.5
- Adding the verification requirement for measurement registration upgrades to review a minimum of the most recent month's data submission as per Measurements Handbook R4.5.

7. Comments:

A copy of the updated document is attached. It is also located at http://www.tl9000.org/handbooks/rh_guidance.html under "Code of Practice for TL 9000 Certification Bodies".

Since there were no changes in required activities from the previous release there is no implementation period for this edition. It is effective immediately.