

The new IATF 16949:2016

How your organization will benefit



Executive Briefing

ISO/TS 16949, the internationally-adopted Quality Management System (QMS) standard for the automotive industry, has been replaced by IATF 16949:2016. The new version has been launched following the publication of ISO 9001:2015, the world's most popular quality management standard.

It will help organizations respond to the rapid growth in the global automotive supply chain, and address new requirements driven by advances in technology.

BSI can help you understand the new standard to gain the maximum benefits and continually improve.

The new IATF 16949:2016

Since it was first developed in 1999, ISO/TS 16949 has become one of the most widely used international standards in the automotive industry. Our clients report numerous benefits from certification to this standard including*:

- **64%** say it helps improve products and services
- **62%** say it helps inspire trust in their business
- **61%** say it helps improve their competitive edge

The automotive industry has always needed to demonstrate high levels of safety and quality. With increasingly complex supply chains that span the world, it's important that you can demonstrate your commitment to quality and on-time delivery. Following some of the challenges faced by the automotive industry in recent years, IATF 16949:2016 builds upon ISO 9001:2015 with supplementary requirements designed to help automotive Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) and suppliers consistently produce quality products and meet customer needs.

The new standard includes a number of key changes bringing the following new benefits:

Streamline processes and better manage costs

IATF 16949:2016 promotes the reduction of waste and variation in the supply chain. It requires you to adopt the process approach which gives a more holistic view of your organizations operations. This will help prevent you from working in silos, and highlight opportunities for efficiencies. It will improve product quality, avoid problems in the supply chain, and reduce waste from defective products saving time and money.

Safeguard your reputation

Corporate responsibility policies such as anti-bribery, an employee code of conduct, and a "whistle-blowing" policy are now required. The new standard is a powerful way to demonstrate your commitment to responsible and ethical working practices. This can help protect your brand and maintain customer confidence which could enable greater business opportunities.

An opportunity for integration and efficiencies

ISO has introduced a common structure and core text for all its management system standards known as Annex SL. IATF 16949:2016 follows the same structure as ISO 9001:2015 and other common management system standards including ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Management, and ISO 22301 Business Continuity Management. This means it will be quicker and easier to implement multiple management system standards. The common structure provides multiple benefits by reducing duplication, increasing efficiency and providing a complete view of the whole organization

Manage risk and your supply chain

To survive in the automotive industry organizations must be able to adapt to continuous change and respond to internal and external issues. IATF 16949:2016 has increased traceability requirements and additional requirements on supplier selection processes. With a greater emphasis on risk-based thinking throughout, the new standard will help mitigate the risks of failure in the supply chain and make your organization as resilient and robust as possible.

[Continued >>](#)

*Source – BSI Benefits survey – our clients were asked which benefits they obtained from ISO/TS 16949

The new IATF 16949:2016 will give you an opportunity to review your organization and current processes ensuring they are aligned with your business strategy, to achieve sustainable performance improvements, and increase the quality of your products and services in a cost effective way.

BSI provides a unique combination of products and services to support the adoption of IATF 16949:2016

To find out more about how BSI can help you, visit: bsigroup.com

IATF 16949:2016 Transition Journey

