



SOP for Auditing - QA-P-SYS-05

1.0. PURPOSE

The purpose of this procedure is to explain the methods of Auditing

2.0. SCOPE

It Covers all activities of Normal Audits

3.0. RESPONSIBILITIES

Director certification is responsible for this procedure.

4.0. DEFINITIONS

4.1. Normal audits: any audit Initial & surveillance which is part of original contract.

5.0 References:- QA-P-HRD-02

6.0 Procedure

- a. QACs will review the application and will choose Audit team according to the procedure QA-P-HRD-02 and also check the criticality of the client scope and decide the man days according to procedure QA-P-SYS-04. Additional Audit mandays would be required if any LA/Auditor Spend time as technical experts, translators, interpreters, observers or auditors-in-training.
- b. The audit dates are confirmed with client by the planning responsible.
- c. The profile of selected audit team is sent for approval from client.
- d. In case any observer to witness the audit is required, approval from the client is taken. The arrangement of observer is borne by the company. The observer is allowed only the witness of audit and submit observation/witness report directly to the certification body (QACS). The observer do not interfere or influence the audit.
- e. The audit team is provided with the relevant information of client organisation such as Name, management system already audited or to be audited, Scope of activity, products etc.
- f. The audit team is provided the documents of the organisation (in case of 1st audit)
- g. The audit team is provided with the last audit report (in case in any subsequent audits)
- h. The audit team's traveling arrangement is confirmed with the client.
- i. The audit team is asked to follow guidance of audit practice group and ISO17021-1:2015 during the auditing. Audit teams operate under lead auditor who also act as team leader.
- j. Audit team leader select translator or interpreter and or Guides for each Auditor as required in such a manner they do not unduly influence the audit.
- k. The audit team leader, in consultation with the audit team, shall assign to each team member responsibility for auditing specific processes, functions, sites, areas or activities. Such assignments shall take into account the need for competence, and the effective and efficient use of the audit team, as well as different roles and responsibilities of auditors, auditors-in-training and technical experts (the TE shall always be accompanied by an auditor and will not independently act as auditor). Changes to the work assignments may be made as the audit progresses to ensure achievement of the audit objectives

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- i. The audit team should periodically assess audit programme and exchange information for multi day audit at the end of day and for single day audit during lunch break. Based on the information exchange re-assign the work as needed and also communicate audit progress and any concern to the client.
- m. The audit team is required to complete all the relevant documents and collect substantial evidence based on sampling to confirm the scope of Audit (from all location including virtual location). In case of non conformity time allowed for Corrective action shall be in consistent of severity of the non conformity but is never be more then 3 months.
- n. The Audit team is fully authorised to suspend the audit, issue non conformity immediately if they find out that any non conformity is immediate threat to establishment of management system being audited, The time allowed for corrective action shall be minimum and shall be reviewed by QACS and communicate decision to the client and certification manager. In case if it is a breach of an act of parliament or a contravention of a regulatory requirement then will suspend the audit and will immediately inform the certification body who then will notify the concerned regulatory body immediately. (Example:-Immediate threat to environment for EMS Audit, Immediate threat to OHS, **Direct Food safety risk for FSMS Audit**).
- o. The action could also be re-confirmation or modification of audit plan changes to audit objective or audit scope or termination of audit.
- p. During the audit if audit team find out substantial evidence with suggest any need to change the audit scope during the audit progress review shall inform the client as well as certification body that audit scope would require modification.
- q. The Non conformities should be classified Major or minor based on the available evidences.
- r. Audit team are advised to contact certification manager in case of any dispute other then the convenience.
- s. Audit report along with the summery, Corrective action request form and recommendation letter is received from the auditors.
- t. The audit report is sent for Review.
- u. **For FSMS -ISO 22000 Multiple site audit duration has been calculated as per the ISO/TS 22003.**
- v. If any client wants for the certification in multiple sites and the same scope and activities than QACS will make the audit programme for sampling basis and use such formula according to IAF guide MD 1:2007

Surveillance audit (Yearly / Half Yearly):- on the time surveillance audit QACS will choose the auditor according to certification procedure. In Audit report of respective standard, QACS has marked the * in mandatory clause which will be audited in every type of audit. And the time of surveillance audit * rated clauses will be checked properly and sufficient evidence of conformity will be collected.

Re- Certification (Renewal of certification):- after completion of all the surveillance audits QACS will arrange the re-certification audit within the 3years from the date of issue of the certificate. If client wants to continue it.

7.0 RELATED DOCUMENTS

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**SOP for Auditing - QA-P-SYS-05**

- Opening & closing meeting record QA-SYS-06
- Stage 1 report:-
- Stage 2 report
- Certificate draft copy:- QA-SYS-09
- Audit Descripency/NC form QA-SYS-18
- IAF MD 5 : 2013
- IAF MD 5: 2015
- IAF MD 1:2007

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