



SUBJECT: Implementation of Risk Based Audits Days Sanctioned Interpretations
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IATF Stakeholder Communiqué

The IATF has developed a more defined concept of when and how the minimum audit days must be increased based on customer risk.

This concept clarifies how to add audit time to certified organizations who are Tier 1 suppliers to an IATF OEM. These Tier 1 suppliers will have some time (hours) added to their audit if they are not meeting the IATF OEM specified quality and delivery performance targets. The IATF-recognized certification body will use the additional audit time to focus on the corrective action process and prevention of recurrence, including for related processes and products.

The IATF has approved additional Rules 5th Edition Sanctioned Interpretations (SIs 26 - 28) which define the method to implement this concept. The detailed SIs are available through the [IATF Global Oversight website](https://www.iatfglobaloversight.org) and are effective 30 June 2021.

As an IATF Stakeholder, what does this change mean?

IATF-recognized Certification Bodies

The IATF-recognized CBs will need to request from their certified clients with IATF OEM customers a copy of the most recent performance scorecards for all IATF OEM customers 3 months ahead of the scheduled audit. This allows enough advanced notice to adjust the audit time if IATF OEM quality and delivery performance targets are not being met. OEM Quick Reference Guides may help in interpretation of these scorecards <https://www.iatfglobaloversight.org/oem-requirements/quick-reference-guides/>.

Note: the additional audit time is added to the current audit.

Certified Organizations

All certified organizations with IATF OEMs as their customer are required to provide all IATF OEM scorecards 3 months ahead of planned audits. Based on this concept of additional audit time, if IATF OEM quality and delivery performance targets are not being met, the CB will increase the audit time accordingly. If the CB auditor discovers that the IATF OEM quality and delivery performance targets were not being met during the minimum 1-hour verification of data and changes review before the audit, additional audit time would also be required.



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The IATF Oversight Offices will be reviewing appropriate implementation of this concept during witness audits after the effective date (30 June 2021).

For all stakeholders, this process will likely be recognized as a change of approach for auditing. Therefore, the implementation date is set as June 2021 for two reasons:

- To give CBs and all other stakeholders time to develop and implement internal processes necessary to meet these new process requirements.
- To permit the development of guidance documents to be published by IATF by June 2021 to enable robust implementation of this changed process.

If you have any questions, please [contact](#) IATF Oversight.