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# Your changing landscape

Five things you need to know about IATF 16949 6th Edition

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# Understanding IATF 16949 6th Edition rules

The 6th Edition of the IATF 16949 Rules, which govern the certification and audit processes, was published on March 31, 2024. These new rules will become effective on January 1, 2025, replacing the previous 5th Edition. This update does not change the IATF 16949:2016 standard itself but modifies the guidelines for audits and certification procedures.

The 6th Edition of the IATF 16949 rules, published on 31 March 2024, introduces significant updates to the auditing and certification processes. Here, we discuss five changes and implications.



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All audits from January 1, 2025, will adhere to the new 6th Edition of the IATF Rules.

This revision impacts the procedures and guidelines for conducting audits, not the IATF 16949:2016 standard itself, so no Transition audit is required. Clients will follow their current audit schedule.

The new definition for an Extended Manufacturing Site (EMS) is that it must be within 10 miles (16 km) and 60 minutes driving distance from the main site.

Sites not meeting this definition will be considered a Main site in the 2025 audits and will need re-contracting under a Corporate scheme.

The 6th Edition rules only permit two Surveillance visits in each 3-year audit cycle, eliminating the 6-monthly and 9-monthly intervals.

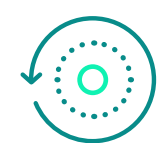
Clients on these intervals must shift to 12-monthly contracts. Waivers can be obtained for those wanting to maintain 6 or 9-month intervals until the next CR visit.

Audit durations now include additional audit time for activities like verification of previous nonconformities, translation time, and investigation of significant changes.

A minimum of 1.5 audit days is required for regular visits at Main sites, and 30% of audit time must be dedicated to auditing the manufacturing process. Audit planning must be completed 90 days prior to the audit, and clients must provide planning information 30 days in advance.

Major non-conformities (NCs) require the client to submit corrective actions within 15 days and complete implementation within 60 days. Minor NCs have a 60-day submission timeline.

Virtual audits are allowed only for Standalone Remote Supporting Locations (RSLs) under specific conditions. Onsite audits are mandatory for Main manufacturing sites, regardless of the client's home-based remote work setup.



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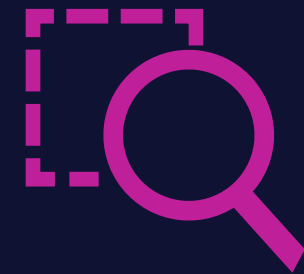


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