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Guide to IATF 16949 Transfer Audit

Transferring to TÜV SÜD as your
certification body

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TÜV SÜD is an official IATF-recognised IATF 16949 Certification Body (CB), and our certifications are among the most reputed worldwide. By choosing to transfer to TÜV SÜD as your CB, your IATF 16949 certification will be instantly recognised by automotive OEMs everywhere.

Eligibility Criteria for Customers*

Customers with valid IATF 16949 certificates can transfer to TÜV SÜD during surveillance or re-certification audits, or between two audits if the following criteria are met:



VDA IATF Database Check

A primary check is done in the IATF database to confirm the validity of the certificate to initiate the transfer activities.



Audit reports

Audit reports in English for all customer sites (including remote locations), and all closed nonconformities (NCs) from the last three years, shall be attached to the TÜV SÜD audit documentation for review.



Notification

Customers shall notify their existing CB in writing that they plan to transfer to TÜV SÜD.



Verification

TÜV SÜD auditors will verify that all NCs have been “closed” by the existing CB before TÜV SÜD initiates the transfer audit.



Cancellation

The contract with the existing CB shall not be terminated before all the transfer activities, including certificate release, is completed.

Key Considerations for Customers*



Certification status

The customer shall not be in any OEM special status condition or have their current IATF certificate in suspension, cancelled, or withdrawn.



Closure by existing CB

If the customer is in a different OEM Status, or their certificate has been interrupted within the last 12 months, it shall be closed through the existing CB with an on-site audit, Thereafter TÜV SÜD will initiate the transfer audit.



Transfer status

If the customer has already transferred from other CBs within the previous three years, TÜV SÜD cannot conduct the transfer audit (except in the first cycle after initial certification).



Timescales

A minimum gap of two years-nine months is required between two transfer audits.



Audit timing

A transfer audit shall be completed before the due date for an upcoming re-certification audit or before the due date (+ one month) for an upcoming surveillance audit of the existing CB.

Notes:

- [1] *Transfer audit rules mentioned here are explained as a macro level illustration. There may be some additional requirements for certificate transfers w.r.t. existing CB's accreditation status, customer's ownership, name change, relocation etc.
- [2] TÜV SÜD considers the validity date of the current certificate to make sure the new certificate can be released within a cycle time of 120 days after the transfer audit date and before the expiry date of the current certificate.



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