



Rules for Achieving IATF Recognition 3rd Edition Sanctioned Interpretations

The *Rules for Achieving IATF Recognition, 3rd Edition*, was published in 2008. The following Sanctioned Interpretations were determined and approved by the IATF. Unless otherwise indicated, Sanctioned Interpretations are applicable upon publication.

Revised text is shown in **blue**.

A Sanctioned Interpretation changes the interpretation of a rule or a requirement which itself then becomes the basis for a nonconformity.

SI 1 issued February 2009, SI 2 issued May 2009, correction to SI 2 issued June 2009, **SI 3 & SI 4 issued in October 2009.**

Number	Rules reference	Sanctioned Interpretation
1.	Certification agreement with the client 3.1	New additional requirement “Consultants to the organization cannot participate in the audit” this was previously the Rules 2 nd edition 4.1 requirement.
2.	Transfer Audit 7.0	New requirement The new certification body shall complete all transfer activities (including a – g above) and a transfer audit prior to the next scheduled surveillance audit with the previous certification body or the next scheduled recertification audit with the previous CB. When, during a transfer audit, instances of nonconformity are identified, the certification body shall

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		<p>follow the relevant requirements in the nonconformity management (see section 5.11).</p> <p>The certification decision shall be made based upon the relevant requirements in section 5.13 and the certification decision shall be made within a maximum of 120 calendar days from the last day of the transfer audit and prior to the expiration date of the existing valid certificate.</p> <p>This was previously The new certification body shall complete all transfer activities (including a – g above) and a transfer audit including closure of any nonconformities and a certification decision prior to the next scheduled surveillance audit with the previous certification body or the expiration of the existing valid certificate.</p>
3.	Various pages	All references to ISO/TS 16949:2002 are superseded by ISO/TS 16949:2009, released on 15 June 2009.
4.	Audit Days Determination (5.2 m)	the total number of surveillance audit days in the first, second and third year (dependent on the agreed interval see table 5.1) of any three year audit cycle shall be equal to the number of initial audit days in the calculation illustrated in table 5.2 and shall be of equal duration. There shall be at least one surveillance audit per year,