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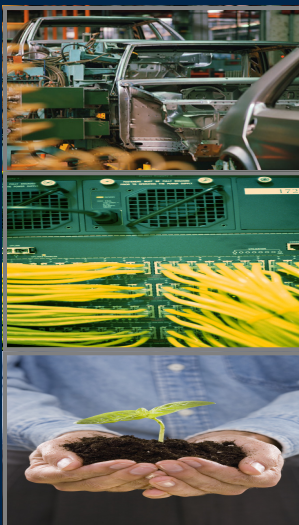
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Technical Tip... ISO/TS 16949:2009

The 2009 version of the ISO/TS 16949 standard was released on June 15, 2009. There are no new automotive requirements and no additional audit time on site is required. However, ISO/TS 16949:2009 reflects the changes in ISO 9001:2008. In fact, the only changes in ISO/TS 16949:2009 that you will see are the revisions to ISO 9001:2008. All recertification audits starting the week of October 12, 2009 will be to the ISO/TS 16949:2009. All clients undergoing recertification audits to ISO/TS 16949:2002 between July 1, 2009 and October 12, 2009, will be audited to ISO/TS 16949:2009 at the next surveillance audit, unless otherwise requested. For more information regarding the new ISO /TS 16949:2009 standard, check out the IATF's website at: www.iatfglobaloversight.org

Meet the Staff:

As AQA's Senior Client Relations Manager, many of you know of or have probably even talked to Jackie Luckett. After living in Europe for 4 and a half years, she moved to Columbia, SC and is loving it. Jackie has been with AQA since 1997 when she began her career here as a temp for 1 day. At the end of that day, she was asked to take on a permanent role at AQA and the rest was history. What is her favorite thing about AQA? "The people that I work with and the great clients and auditors." In her free time, Jackie enjoys reading, hanging out with friends, watching movies, and traveling. She is looking forward to another successful year at AQA International!



Food Safety: ISO 22000

ISO 22000 is a generic food safety management system standard. It defines universal food safety requirements which apply to all organizations involving food. This standard was created to protect the food supply from microbial, contamination, or chemical and physical hazards. Potential food hazards can include but are not limited to microorganisms, naturally present chemicals, chemicals produced by cooking, environmental contaminants, additives and pesticides.

Ensuring the safety of food is increasingly important in the world today, especially when newspapers are filled with editorials where it isn't uncommon to hear about flukes of people getting violently ill due to the lack of food safety. That being said, ISO 22000 describes in detail the handling, preparation, and storage of food in ways that help prevent food borne illness. It is not possible to one hundred percent guarantee that food will never be unsafe again; however it is possible with a food safety program to reduce any potential hazards from occurring.

International News...

International Operations Manager, Jerry Stillingger traveled to Madrid, Spain this past July. In attempts to help get the AQA Spain regional office up and running, Jerry remained in Spain for two weeks. "The trip was very productive and I am excited to see what the future holds with this venture. The food wasn't half bad either," he stated. The AQA Spain regional office is located in Madrid, Spain and run by a Mr. Victor Torres. The posted picture was taken by Jerry during his travel abroad. Enjoy!



Did You Know?

AQA International will be having a TS 3rd Edition Overview class on Monday, August 24, 2009. The course will be geared towards organizations that are currently certified to ISO/TS 16949:2002, or organizations that are not currently certified but have opportunities to supply the automotive industry. If this class is of any interest to you, please check out page 2 of the newsletter for further details. We look forward to seeing you there!



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On Thursday, October 1, 2009 AQA will be hosting a half day training on Food Safety Initiatives. This informational forum is designed to introduce the different food safety initiatives and how they may apply to your organization. Food safety initiatives can impact a broad range of industries from food manufacturers and distributors to retailers. With such a broad industry span, numerous international food safety and quality management standards can become overwhelming. With more and more industry leaders requiring implementation of a food safety program, deciding which one to implement may leave you confused and uncertain where to start.

Please join us for this FREE onsite forum to describe and compare the food safety initiatives that are impacting your industry.

Key Topics Include:

- Background of Food Safety standards on both a global and local level.
- Comparison of Food Safety assessment schemes.
- Discussion of industry leaders and how their plans may impact your organization.

Please call AQA today at (800) 281-4384 to reserve your seat!

Training ...The Key to Success

Come join us for public training courses geared to meet your needs. Course flyers and registration forms are available upon request!



AQA 2009 PUBLIC TRAINING SCHEDULE

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Location</u>
Aug.	19-20	ISO 14001 Internal Auditor	2.0	\$695	Toronto, ON
	21	AS 9100:2009 Rev C Overview	0.5	\$250	Webinar
	24	TS 3rd Edition Overview	1.0	\$250	Columbia, SC
	TBD	GD&T Training	1.0	\$750	TBD
	TBD	Blue Print Reading	1.0	TBD	TBD
Sept.	24-25	ISO/TS 16949:2009 Internal Auditor	2.0	\$1,000	Yorktown, IN
	29-30	ISO 14001 Internal Auditor	2.0	\$695	Columbia, SC
	30	TS Upgrade	0.25	\$200	Webinar
Oct.	1	Food Safety Initiatives	0.5	FREE	Columbia, SC
	13	OHSAS Overview	1.0	\$395	Columbia, SC
	14	Effective Management Review	0.5	\$150	Columbia, SC
		Finding ROI in your Management System	0.5	\$150	Columbia, SC
Nov.	4-5	ISO 13485:2003 Internal Auditor	2.0	\$695	Columbia, SC

Any of the above referenced courses can be customized to fit any of your training needs with on-site training. For more information regarding any of our classes or how to sign up, please contact Ansley Rhodes at 800-281-4383 or arhodes@aqausa.com.