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To the attention of: All clients certified to ISO/IEC 27001 standard

In relation to: Transition to ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024 – Impact on Your ISO/IEC 27001 Certification

Dear Valued Client,

As part of our ongoing commitment to accredited certification services and international best practice, we are implementing a transition to ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024, which replaces ISO/IEC 27006:2015 (including Amendment 1:2020). This change affects the way certification bodies audit and maintain accredited certification for ISO/IEC 27001:2022.

This communication outlines the transition programme, key technical changes, implementation timing, and any expected contractual or audit-related impacts for your organization.

1. Transition Framework and Timeline

The transition will be conducted in accordance with the officially established international transition period for ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024. Certification bodies are required to apply ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024 to all certified clients no later than 31 March 2026. After this date, certifications based on ISO/IEC 27006:2015 can no longer be maintained within accredited arrangements and will be withdrawn if not transitioned.

During the transition window, surveillance audits for existing certified clients may be performed against either version until ITA has fully transitioned, after which only ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024 will be used.

Transition activities will be integrated, where possible, into scheduled surveillance or recertification audits to minimize disruption. We will contact each certified client individually to confirm the most appropriate audit timing within your certification cycle.

2. Overview of Key Changes Affecting Certified Organizations

a. Remote Audit Requirements

Where remote audit techniques are used:

- The effectiveness of the remote audit application will now be formally evaluated.
- This evaluation will be documented in the audit report.

b. Organizations Operating Remotely

Where a certified organization has no relevant physical sites:

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- The audit report will explicitly state that certified activities are conducted remotely.
- The issued certificate will also reflect that the organization's activities are performed remotely.

3. Updates to Audit Time Determination Methodology

a. Concept of “Persons Performing Identical Activities”

Audit time calculations will consider groups of personnel carrying out the same or highly similar activities, rather than applying a simple headcount model.

b. Determination of Initial Number of Persons

The standard now clarifies how to establish the initial population used for audit-time determination, ensuring consistency in how roles, repetition of tasks, and shared processes are evaluated.

c. Audit Time for Scope Extensions

New requirements define how additional audit time must be calculated when certified organizations extend the ISMS scope to new activities, services, or locations.

This additional time shall be at least:

- 1) 0,5 d (auditor days) if the extension to scope audit is conducted in conjunction with a surveillance audit or a recertification audit.
- 2) 1,0 d (auditor days) when the extension to scope audit is conducted as a separate audit.

d. Calculation of Audit Time for Multiple Sites

The updated edition further clarifies sampling approaches and audit-time determination for multi-site organizations, aligning them with modern distributed and centrally managed operating models.

These clarifications may result in adjustments to planned audit durations for some organizations.

4. Impact on Your Certification and Audit Programme

Your ISO/IEC 27001:2022 certification remains valid; however, audits conducted from our transition date onward will follow the updated ISO/IEC 27006-1:2024 rules.

You may observe:

Adjustments to audit duration based on the revised calculation model.

Enhanced documentation regarding remote auditing effectiveness.

Clarified descriptions of centralized, remote, or multi-site operations within certification documents.

Additional audit time where certification scope extensions are requested.

4. Contractual and Administrative Updates

To reflect the new requirements, the following updates may be necessary:

- Updates to audit time calculations and, where applicable, associated certification fees;
- Updates of application for certification questionnaires;
- Amendments related to scope extension evaluations or multi-site sampling methodologies.

Where changes are required, we will provide updated contractual documentation for your review and acceptance prior to the affected audit.

5. What You Need to Do

At this stage, no immediate action is required from your organization. We recommend that you:

- Inform relevant stakeholders of this transition;
- Ensure availability of key personnel during upcoming audits where methodology updates apply;
- Review any contractual amendments we provide as part of your transition scheduling.

Our team will work closely with you to ensure a smooth, efficient transition with minimal operational impact.

Should you have any questions regarding the transition program, please do not hesitate to contact our certification office.

Thank you for your continued trust in our certification services.

Kind regards,

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