



Heads Up

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To: ANSI-RAB NAP Accredited Registrars and Accreditation Auditors

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Re: End of the Transition to ISO 9001:2000

Today, 2003/12/15, is the last day of the transition to ISO 9001:2000.

After today, any ANSI-RAB NAP-accredited registration certificate to the following standards is considered expired and invalid: ISO 9001:1994; ISO 9002:1994; ISO 9003:1994; AS9000; and AS9100:2001-Section 2. For any registrar that has issued any ANSI-RAB NAP-accredited registration certificates for these standards without an expiration date, or an expiration date later than 2003/12/15, it is expected that the certificates have been, or promptly will be, withdrawn.

For QS-9000, all accredited registration certificates for QS-9000 shall be in full conformance with the IASG Sanctioned Interpretation R8 (July 1, 2002). Please note that the ANSI-RAB NAP shall continue to provide accreditation for QS-9000:1998, the TE Supplement, and the semi-conductor supplement, until 2006/12/14.

It is expected that accredited registration will be withdrawn for any organization that cannot be granted registration to ISO 9001:2000. This means, for example, that any client or organization with an open nonconformity meeting the definition in IAF Guidance (which for most registrars in the United States is a major nonconformance), will need to have accredited registration withdrawn until such time as the nonconformance is closed and registration to ISO 9001:2000 can be granted. This is irrespective of whether the major nonconformance is related to the transition.

Note: The accreditation information and certificate for each ANSI-RAB NAP-accredited registrar is being updated to remove reference to the 1994 standards.