



# Heads Up

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To: ANSI-RAB NAP Accredited Registrars and Accreditation Auditors

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Re: Official Positions Relating to ISO 9001 and ISO 14001

For official interpretations relating to ISO 9001, go to [www.tc176.org/Interpre.asp](http://www.tc176.org/Interpre.asp).

For official clarifications of intent by the US TAG relating to ISO 14001, go to <http://standardsgroup.asq.org>.

How should these "interpretations" and "clarification of intent" be considered?

The ANSI-RAB NAP expects certification bodies to follow the guidance of IAF, which is as follows:

The standard itself is the legal basis for conformity. However, the IAF Technical Committee agreed that accreditation bodies should expect certification bodies to be aware of the interpretations of ISO 9001 made by the new ISO TC 176 interpretations mechanism. Certification bodies need to make their personnel aware of the interpretations in order to maintain professional competence in the field.

This same guidance should be followed for the "clarification of intent" that is developed by the U.S. TAG to TC 207. It should be remembered, though, that these are a U.S. position only.