ISO/TS 16949:2009
International Standards of Quality Management Systems in the Automotive Supply Chain

Positively Affecting the Supply Chain
ISO/TS 16949:2009 specifies quality system requirements for suppliers in the automotive sector, specifically relating to the automotive industry supply chain. An international standard, ISO/TS 16949:2009 can be applied throughout the supply chain and is seen as an opportunity for automotive suppliers to improve quality while reducing costs.

In conjunction with ISO 9001:2008, the updated standard defines the quality management system requirements for design, development and production. The standard can also apply to installation and service of automotive-related products. ISO/TS 16949:2009 replaces the 2002 edition, which is used by major automotive manufacturers to approve more than 35,000 organizations worldwide that produce and supply parts for the sector.

Experienced in Standards Certification
ABS Quality Evaluations (QE) has extensive experience in certification and training related to management standards, including supply chain. With a long history of customer-focused service, ABS QE works with clients to proactively meet deadlines and stay in compliance with international standards and expectations.

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Impact to Stakeholders
ISO/TS 16949:2009 provides for continual improvement, emphasizing defect prevention and the reduction of variation and waste in the supply chain. Incorporating the requirements of ISO 9001:2008, the standard includes detailed, sector-specific requirements for:

- Employee competence, awareness and training
- Design and development
- Production and service provision
- Control of monitoring and measuring devices
- Measurement, analysis and improvement

Who Should Look for the Standard?
ISO/TS 16949:2009 applies to organizations that manufacture customer-specified parts for production and/or service.

For the first time, vehicle assembly plants will be encouraged to seek ISO/TS16949 certification. Supporting functions – whether on-site or remote (such as design centers, corporate headquarters and distribution centers) – form part of the site audit as they support the site, but cannot obtain stand-alone certification to ISO/TS 16949:2009.

Companies involved in the design/development, production and installation and servicing of automotive-related products will be affected by the new standard. Organizations involved in support functions may also feel the effects of the standard as automotive manufacturers will look to partners who comply with the updated international standard.

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