



### **Odak Info 36**

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As a result of **harmonisation efforts** regarding the supplier quality management system requirements, ISO/TS 16949:1999 (based on ISO 9001:1994) was first released in 1999. The aim was to **form a globally recognized automotive sector requirements document**.

In March 2002, the revised version of ISO/TS 16949 (based on ISO 9001:2000) was released. Suppliers which were registered to OEM requirements (such as QS-9000:1998, VDA 6.1) were **subject to respective deadlines to upgrade** to ISO/TS 16949:2002.

**Upon the release of ISO 9001:2008 in November 2008**, ISO/TS 16949:2002 is subject to revision once again. The proposed specification is called ISO/TS 16949:2009 and is **expected to be released in the first quarter of 2009**.

ISO/TS 16949:2009 will be based on ISO 9001:2008. Similar to the case of ISO 9001 revision, ISO/TS 16949:2009 **will not introduce new or changed requirements (shall statements)**.

The revised text of ISO/TS 16949:2009 will need to be implemented **no later than 120 days after the release of the specification**.

The existing ISO/TS 16949:2002 certificates will remain **valid for the certification life**.

The organizations are allowed to request the replacement of their existing certificates to ISO/TS 16949:2009 certificates at the surveillance audits, **while it is not mandatory**.

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