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PITTSBURGH, October 1, 2013 – <u>The IATF has released the Rules for Achieving and Maintaining</u> <u>IATF Recognition 4th Edition for ISO/TS 16949 (known as "Rules 4th Edition").</u>

The International Automotive Task Force (IATF) released the Rules for Achieving and Maintaining IATF Recognition 4th Edition for ISO/TS 16949 (known as "Rules 4th Edition") on October 1, 2013. IATF Global Oversight is allowing a maximum transition time of six (6) months (from October 1, 2013) to implement changes required in Rules 4th Edition. Rules 4th Edition is effective and required to be fully implemented by April 1, 2014. As of April 1, 2014, Rules 3rd Edition becomes obsolete.

One of the major changes relates to clients with an existing manufacturing site extension(s). Those clients will need to transition the site extension to a single site between April 1, 2014 – April 1, 2015. The event will be the equivalent of a renewal event at the site extension.

SRI, a leading IATF recognized certification body with an extensive history in the automotive industry, stands ready to assist companies in the implementation of new changes. The modifications a part of the 4th Edition Rules are set forth to enhance the value of your automotive certification, the automotive industry, and the auditing process. To stay up to date and to understand the "Rules", SRI strongly recommends that all clients purchase, read, attend some training, and understand the new Rules. For links to where to buy the Rules 4th Edition go to <u>www.iatfglobaloversight.org</u>, click on the folder called IATF Publications.

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