

ISO 9001 - An Empirical Conclusion

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Abstract

Established since 1990, IQNet is an international network of leading certification bodies. Currently the network consists of 34 partner certification bodies (IQNet partners) who share IQNet harmonized certification principles and methodologies. IQNet's main focus is on accredited Management system certification, for which ISO and ISO/CASCO standards provide the foundation. IQNet is based in Bern, Switzerland, from where the main common guidelines and joint initiatives are launched. In 2005, IQNet Ltd was founded as the certification division of the IQNet network. IQNet Ltd has its own accreditation and recognitions, with a principal focus on specialist and industry specific solutions, mainly in the field of social compliance and sustainability. IQNet Ltd delivers global certification services using the conformity assessment resources of its partner network. IQNet Ltd has chosen to perform its certification and assessment activities in strict accordance with the ISO/CASCO standards, notably ISO/IEC 17021-1 and other. As one of the major users of ISO and ISO/CASCO documents, IQNet is actively involved in the development and promotion of its work and documents. IQNet strongly supports ISO Strategy, supports ISO/CASCO activities and participates in various forms. In this paper, the IQNet President presents the results of an IQNet sponsored- empirical research study on ISO 9001:2015 transition process and certification benefits.

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