

## **Indian Register Quality Systems** (A Division of IRCLASS Systems and Solutions Pvt. Ltd.)

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## Introduction:

Indian Register Quality System operates its Security Management System for Supply Chain accreditation schemes based on international/other standards approved by ANAB. IRQS as certification body are expected to comply with relevant ISO/IEC standards and IAF documents that have been adopted by ANAB as its criteria.

Currently, the Management Systems accreditation schemes are based on ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015, supplemented by sector specific ISO/IEC standards, as applicable.

ISO 28000: 2022 - Security and resilience - Security management systems - Requirements was published in March 2022.

ANAB Transition Policy as Heads Up HU505.

## **IRQS POLICY:**

IRQS Certified clients for Security Management System for Supply Chain are required to adapt ISO 28000:2022, as part of the accreditation criteria for the scope in accordance with ISO 28000 standard requirements read with ISO/IEC 17021-1 scheme under the IAF. IRQS is required to evaluate the operations and planning of certified clients to ensure that all transitions are completed by 31st March 2025.

This policy shall apply to all IRQS SCSMS Certified clients and applicant for SCSMS seeking certification from IRQS for the provision of ISO 28000 certification read with ISO/IEC 17021-1, ISO 28003:2007.

This IRQS policy shall remain current until 31st March 2025.

## Implementation:

IRQS has approved the following policy for transition:

- 1. All Certified SCSMS clients to ISO 28000:2007 shall submit a plan for transition by 30th April 2023. The transition plan of client shall clearly indicate the date by which the client would transition to ISO 28000:2022. The documented date in the client plan shall ensure transition at the earliest during the surveillance / recertification audit, followed by the successful evaluation of transition by IRQS.
- 2. IRQS should be ready to carry out transition assessment against ISO 28000:2022 after grant of accreditation by ANAB. (Most likely from September 2023).
  - This can be part of the upcoming office assessment (surveillance / reassessment) with addition of **0.5 manday onsite** for assessing compliance to transition requirements. If this is planned as a separate assessment, 1.0 assessment manday will be considered for the transition assessment.
- All initial certification applicants whose applications are received from after 30th September 2023 will be carried out as per ISO 28000:2022.
- 4. Transition of certified clients shall normally be carried out during their routine Surveillance / Re-assessment activity, as applicable, with addition of 0.5 man-day onsite for verifying compliance to ISO 28000:2022. It will be carried out either as part of normal Surveillance / Re-assessment process with addition of 0.5 man-day onsite, or through a separate 1.0 man-day assessment for assessment of revised documents, competence, audit records etc. The certified clients shall be required to submit specific details of changes made in its documentation.
- Failure to demonstrate compliance to ISO 28000:2022 shall lead to raising of non-conformity and which shall have to be effectively closed within timelines as per IRQS procedure. Major Non-conformity within 30 days from last date of audit. Minor Non-conformity within 60 days from last date of audit.

Transition of certified clients to the revised standard shall have to be effectively completed by 31st March 2025.

Failure to comply with requirements of ISO 28000:2022 by 31st January 2025 shall lead to Suspension of certification by IRQS. The certified clients may remain suspended for a maximum of 6 months. Failure to comply with ISO 28000:2022 by the end of this period shall result in withdrawal of certification.











