



AUDITOR BRIEFING

DATE: 12 August 2009

Subject: Auditing the Client's Internal Audit Program in a Transition or Re-Certification Audit to ISO 9001:2008

Requirement: 8.2.2 Internal Audit

"The organization shall conduct internal audits at planned intervals to determine whether the quality management system

- a) conforms to the planned arrangements (see 7.1), to the requirements of this International Standard and to the quality management system requirements established by the organization, and
- b) is effectively implemented and maintained"

In our audit of the client's internal audit process, the client should be able to produce evidence that their internal audit(s) have been conducted against "the requirements of this International Standard". Evidence *might* be a reference to the version of the standard in the internal audit report and/or other internal audit records, an extra or special audit conducted against the "differences", the presence of new or restated requirements in internal audit tools such as checklists or process audit records. Another possibility is evidence that internal auditors have been trained or can demonstrate to you that they have knowledge and understanding of the 2008 standard requirements and competence in auditing to these requirements.

If you are unable to find such evidence, and the client is not able to convince you that their internal audit program meets this requirement, then documenting a non-conformance is expected.