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# PID Amendment Sheet



PID 02 Rules and regulations for certification

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Team quality (company registration no. 17695, Dt. 10-02-2019) based at office No 9, Alyousra Building - Alsaba Emarat - Sadat City – Monufia Government , Egypt, is the legal entity responsible for all its certification activities. The main objective of the company is to offer independent third party certifications to organizations against various International Standards .

## **2.0 CRITERIA FOR GRANTING CERTIFICATION**

**Team quality** may grant and issue the certificate to the client under the following criterion

- a) The client has a documented Management system that is laid in accordance to its scope of certification and that it conforms to the requirements of the applicable Management System Standard as mentioned above.
- b) The Client has implemented the management system and have completed at least one cycle of internal audit and management review of the management system established.
- c) Both internal audit and management review have been found effective as assessed by **Team quality** auditors
- d) The client has paid all the dues including the certification fee
- e) The client shall keep a record of all complaints and actions taken and the same shall be submitted to **Team quality** auditors for verification when requested.
- f) The client has undergone the stage-1 and stage –2 audit satisfactory and the recommendation of the audit team is favorable
- g) The process flow for all Management System Standards is same as given in “ CERTIFICATION PROCESS FLOW”

## **3.0 CERTIFICATION PROCESS**

**As per process flow**

### **3.1 CERTIFICATION AGREEMENT**

On acceptance of the Quotation, the certification agreement is signed between **Team quality** and the client for providing certification of the client’s management system by **Team quality** to the applicable international standard.



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### **3.2 STAGE –1 AUDIT & DOCUMENTATION REVIEW**

**Team quality** shall conduct a stage –1 audit at client site to verify the adequacy of documentation with respect to the requirements of the applicable standard and also to understand and gather further information on the client activities and processes including applicable statutes, to plan for the stage –2 audits. The client shall satisfactorily resolve all the observations raised in document review along with other concerns / issues highlighted during the audit and the same confirmed to **Team quality** before planning the stage –2 audit **Team quality** shall submit a formal report to the client.

### **3.3. STAGE –2 AUDIT**

TEAM QUALITY 's audit team shall visit the client's premises, as per an agreed plan, to verify effectiveness of the client's management system in meeting the requirements of the applicable ISO and other international management system standard. **Team quality** shall submit a formal report to the client.

### **3.4 NON-CONFORMITY REPORT**

If a nonconformance is detected during audit, a Nonconformity Report shall be issued to the client. For the non-conformities raised during the audit client shall submit the correction and the corrective action (based on root cause) to **Team quality** office within 20 working days from the last day of the audit. **Team quality** shall verify the submitted correction and the corrective action and confirm the acceptance of the same to the client. Client shall take the correction and corrective action within the stipulated date and submit the documentary evidence to **Team quality** to verify the effectiveness of action taken and accordingly to close the non-conformances.

In case of a major non-conformance, the effectiveness of action taken shall be verified at client site by a follow up visit or as communicated by the team leader on the closing day of the audit. This shall be completed within 90 days from the last day of the audit.

In case of certification audit (fresh client) the **Team quality** shall cancel the audit under the following conditions.

- a) Client does not submit Corrective Action Plan for the Non Conformity raised within 20 working days as stipulated above
- b) In case of major Non Conformity the verification of effective of corrective action is not completed within 90 days as stipulated above

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In case of certified clients **Team quality** shall suspend the certificate under the following conditions

- I. Client does not submit Corrective Action Plan for the Non Conformity raised within 20 working days as stipulated above
- II. In case of major Non Conformity the verification of effective of corrective action is not completed within 90 days as stipulated above

### **3.5 RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFICATION**

**Team quality** shall recommend certification of the client's management system, based on the following

- (a) **Team quality** has reviewed the audit reports and has accepted the recommendations of the audit team
- (b) The client has submitted the correction and corrective action for the non-conformities raised within the stipulated time and **Team quality** has accepted the same
- (c) In case of a major non-conformance, the effectiveness of correction and corrective action is verified by **Team quality**'s auditors as agreed and the non-conformity either closed or down graded to minor.

If the client is not recommended for certification **Team quality** shall accordingly inform the client.

### **3.6 ISSUE OF CERTIFICATE**

**Team quality** shall issue the certificate against the applicable standard to the client provided that,

- Team quality has verified the effectiveness of the corrective actions in case of major non-conformances or accepted the corrective actions for minor non-conformances as stated in section 3.4. or as required by the specific management system standard
- Team quality has taken a decision in client's favour

The Certificate is the property of **Team quality**. and shall be produced to **Team quality** as and when requested.

The certification will be valid for a period of three years from the date of approval of certification, subject to the satisfactory maintenance of the Management System as confirmed through agreed surveillance audits

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### **3.7 SURVEILLANCE AUDIT**

Surveillance audits shall be conducted regularly at the client site at least once in a year to confirm that the Client's Management System continues to conform to the requirements of the standard to which it is certified.

The first surveillance audit shall take place within twelve months from the last day of the stage –2 audit and failure to comply with this requirement will lead to suspension and subsequently withdrawal of certification.

For the non-conformity raised during the surveillance audit the conditions stipulated in section 3.5 shall be applicable

In the case that a surveillance audit cannot be carried out because the client's operations are affected owing to factors outside its control, e.g.: employee union strike, natural calamity, etc. the case shall be presented to **Team quality** for a decision.

**Team quality** shall submit a formal report to the client

### **3.8 RE-CERTIFICATION AUDIT**

The purpose of re-certification audit is to confirm the continued conformity and effectiveness of the client's management system as a whole and its continued relevance and applicability for the scope of certification.

The Re-Certification audit shall include site audit and shall consider the performance of management system over the period of certification and shall also include a review of previous surveillance audit reports. The re-certification audit may have a stage –1 audit in situations where there have been significant changes to the management system, the client or changes to legislation.

**Team quality** shall conduct the re-certification audit at least 60 days in advance to the expiration of certification so that the client has time to implement corrective actions before the expiry of the certification

For non-conformities raised during the audit, the conditions specified in section 3.4 become applicable. **Team quality** shall submit a formal report to the client.

### **3.9 SPECIAL AUDIT**

**3.9.1. Team quality** shall conduct special audits under the following conditions,

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- (a) Extension of the scope of certification already granted, on the request of client. This could be clubbed with routine surveillance audit.
- (b) To investigate complaints received by **Team quality** about the client.
- (c) Follow up audit in case of suspension.
- (d) Follow up audit for Major non conformance reported in any of the audits namely, certification, surveillance and re-certification
- (e) Changes in **Team quality**'s certification requirements
- (f) Transfer of certification
- (g) Reduction in scope as requested by the client
- (h) Decisions by the Certification Panel based on the results of the review of the audit reports to re-verify and confirm certain aspects of the management system.

3.9.2. In case of short notice audits to investigate complaint, response to changes and follow up of suspension, **Team quality** shall select auditors from earlier audits done on the client, because of the lack of opportunity for the client to object to the audit team

3.9.3. For non-conformities raised during the audit the conditions identified in section 3.4 shall become applicable.

3.9.4. **Team quality** shall submit a formal report to the client.

### **3.10 NOTICE OF CHANGES BY TEAM QUALITY**

**Team quality** shall inform the client in advance any changes to its requirements for certification and shall subsequently verify that each client complies with this requirement. It shall necessitate a special audit in certain cases.

### **3.11 NOTICE OF CHANGES BY THE CLIENT**

Client shall inform **Team quality**, without delay, of matters that may affect the capability of management system to continue to fulfill the requirements of the standard used for certification. These may include changes related to,

- (a) The legal, commercial, organizational status or ownership,
- (b) Organization and management (e.g. changes in key managerial, decision making or technical staff).
- (c) Contact address and sites.
- (d) Scope of operation under the certified management system.
- (e) Major changes to the management system and processes.

**Team quality** shall review the changes and accordingly discuss with client for an early verification to ensure that the capability of the management system continues to fulfill the requirements of the applicable standard.

### **3.12 MAINTAINING CERTIFICATIONS**

The Certification is maintained for a period of 3 years under the following conditions.

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- (a) The Surveillance Audits are conducted as planned and the client has demonstrated that it continues to satisfy the requirements of the management system standard as confirmed by **Team quality**.
- (b) All the non-conformance raised during previous surveillance are closed within the time frame agreed and correction and corrective actions for the non conformities raised during the current audit are identified and accepted by **Team quality** as per conditions specified in section 3.4.
- (c) The Internal Audit and the management reviews are conducted as scheduled and there are no issues pending.
- (d) The client shall maintain suitable records of customer complaints and keep the records of investigation and remedial actions taken with respect to such complaints for verification by the **Team quality** auditors.
- (e) All outstanding dues to TEAM QUALITY are paid.

### **3.13. SUSPENDING, WITHDRAWING OR REDUCING THE SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION**

#### **(a) Suspension**

**Team quality** shall suspend certification in cases wherein

- The client's certified management system has persistently or seriously failed to meet certification requirements, including requirements for the effectiveness of the management system.
- The client does not allow surveillance and re-certification audits to be conducted at the agreed frequencies.
- Wishful misuse of logo & reference to certification.
- Non compliance to submission of Corrective action as stated in section 3.4.
- Non payment of dues to **Team quality**

The suspension shall be for a period of maximum six months and the suspended status of the client shall be publicly made available in the register of certified clients being maintained by **Team quality** at its registered office. During this period the client's management system certification is temporarily invalid and the client shall discontinue the use of logo or any reference of certification in advertising matter.

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### **(b) Withdrawal**

**Team quality** shall withdraw the certificate under the following circumstances.

- (a) Failure of the client to resolve the issues of suspension within six months shall result in withdrawal of certification
- (b) Other reason like major legal complaint, company involved in malpractices, **Team quality** loses accreditation etc.
- (c) Client voluntarily requested for a withdrawal.

Upon withdrawal of certification the client ceases to enjoy the certification status and the client shall immediately cease use and distribution of any literature, stationary etc bearing the mark. The artwork supplied and all the original approval certificates are to be returned to **Team quality**.

### **(d) Reduction in scope of certification**

**Team quality** shall decide to reduce the client's scope of certification by excluding the parts not meeting the requirements, when the client has persistently and seriously failed to meet the certification requirements for those parts of the scope of certification. Such exclusions shall be consistent with the certification standard.

Upon request from any party, Team Quality shall provide information related to the validity of a given certificate.

## **3.14. CERTIFICATION AND USE OF LOGO**

The certificates issued by **Team quality** remain the property of **Team quality** and must be returned where requested. The client authorized to use the certificate mark or its logo in advertising matter as per instruction given by **Team quality** at the time of issuing the certificate.

The client, while using its certification, shall ensure that it,

- (a) Conforms to requirements of **Team quality** when making reference to its certification status in communication media such as Internet, brochures or advertising or other documents.
- (b) Does not make or permit any misleading statement regarding its certification,
- (c) Does not use or permit the use of the certification document or any part thereof in a misleading manner,

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- (d) Upon suspension or withdrawal of its certification, discontinues its use of all advertising matter that contains a reference to certification, as directed by **Team quality**.
- (e) Amends all advertising matter when the scope of certification has been reduced,
- (f) Shall not use the certification information in a manner to imply that the product or service is certified. The certification mark or logo shall not be used on a product or product packaging and laboratory test, calibration or inspection reports or any form of certificates issued by educational institutions as these could be interpreted as denoting product conformity or these are deemed as products in some context.
- (g) Does not imply that certification applies to activities that are outside the scope of its certification,
- (h) Shall not use the certification in such a manner that would bring **Team quality** and /or the certification system into disrepute and lose public trust
- (i) Logos shall also not to be applied on visiting cards

### **3.15. PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INFORMATION**

**Team quality** shall make the following information publicly accessible through its web site and through documents PID-02., PID-04

- The activities of **Team quality**
- The requirements for certification including information on the audit processes and certification process for granting, maintaining, extending, renewing, reducing suspending and withdrawing certification.
- Certification status of clients through the register of certified clients maintained at **Team quality** 's office
- Appeal and complaint process.

All other information shall be treated as confidential.

### **3.16. OBLIGATIONS OF THE APPLICANT / CERTIFIED ORGANIZATION**

- (a) The applicant / certified organization shall commit to fulfill continually the requirements of certification set by **Team quality** for the scope for which certification has been granted including adapting changes in requirements for certification as and when communicated
- (b) When requested the applicant / certified organization shall cooperate with **Team quality** in the fulfillment of the requirements for certification. This shall apply to all locations included in the certification
- (c) The applicant / certified organization shall provide access to information , documents and records as necessary for granting certification and maintaining certification



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- (d) Certified organization shall allow the personnel from the accreditation body ( e.g. EGAC etc ) access to their sites and shall provide access to information , documents and records when requested by **Team quality**
- (e) The certified client shall claim certification only with respect to the scope for which certification has been granted
- (f) The certified organization shall not use its certification in such a manner as to bring **Team quality** into disrepute
- (g) The applicant / certified organization shall pay fees as determined by **Team quality**
- (h) The applicant / certified organization shall inform without delay any significant changes relevant to the certification in respect of its status or its operation related
  - i) Its legal , commercial or ownership status
  - ii) The organization , top management & key personnel
  - iii) Resources and premises
  - iv) Scope of certification
  - v) Other such matters that might affect the ability of the certified organization to fulfill requirements of certification

### **3.17 OBLIGATIONS OF TEAM QUALITY**

- (a) **Team quality** shall make publicly available information about the status of certification that it has granted the certified organization. The information shall be updated regularly. The information shall include the following
  - i) Name and address of the certified client
  - ii) Dates of granting certification and expiry date as applicable
  - iii) Scope of certification
- (b) **Team quality** shall give due notice of any changes to its requirements for certification. It shall take into account the views expressed by interested parties before deciding on the precise form and the effective date of the changes. Following a decision on, and publication of , the changed requirements it shall verify that each certified client carries out necessary adjustments
- (c) **Team quality** shall ensure that the Management System Certification to all clients is provided independently, impartially and in fair manner. The policies and procedures under which **Team quality** operates the certification services are non-discriminatory and are administered in a non-discriminatory manner
- (d) **Team quality** shall submit an audit summary report to the organization audited and also to the accreditation body as per the requirement of the accreditation body. The report will be treated in strict confidence
- (e) On request from any party the information regarding the validity of certification for any specific client is also communicated by **Team quality** in writing with intimation to the client



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- (f) When confidential information about a client is made available to external bodies e.g. accreditation body or peer assessment body as per **Team quality**'s agreement with such external bodies, the same shall be informed to the client by **Team quality**.

**3.18. Team quality OFFERING OTHER SERVICES** (other management system certification) unaccredited

**Team quality** shall not give any special consideration to the client in terms of any financial or any concession in the requirements of new management system certification.

**3.19 CHANGES IN THE SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION (CERTIFIED ORGANIZATIONS)**

Under the management system certified, there is a provision for change in scope for certification and this shall be applicable to the following cases (This however does not apply to the reframing the scope to bring-in more clarity without change in the activity or the process)

- Extension in the scope (e.g.. addition of a different product or new initiative/activity)
- Reduction in the scope (e.g. discontinuing certain products or processes or activity)
- Change in the location (shifting of factory , office to new location)The above changes can be affected only after verification and confirmation by certification body and the following requirements should be met by organization seeking change in scope.
- ❖ The organization has amended the management system documentation with respect to the changes and has implemented the same and have the same subjected to at least one internal audit.
- ❖ The change in scope can be done either with surveillance or re-certification provided the organization informs the certification body (TEAM QUALITY ) at least 30 days prior to the audit due. Any short notice requests for changes will not be entertained

**3.20. Tasks given to Audit Team**

The task given to audit team shall include,

- To examine and verify the structure, policies, processes, procedures, records and related documents of the client
- To determine that these meet all the requirements relevant to the intended scope of certification
- To determine that processes and procedures are established, implemented and maintained effectively to provide a basis for confidence in the client's management system
- To communicate to the client, for its action, any inconsistencies between the client's policy, objectives, targets and the results

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#### **4.0. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITION**

**(a) Termination-** The client and **Team quality** shall have the right to terminate this agreement at any time giving 30 days of written notice of such termination. The client shall, in case of termination, reimburse to **Team quality** all the dues up to date of termination. **Team quality**, if it so wishes, shall also charge a termination fee to be negotiated at the time of termination and this is in addition to the dues that are payable to **Team quality**. In no case such termination fee shall not exceed 15% of the value of the agreement. All reimbursable are payable at the end of said 30 days period.

**(b) Confidentiality-** **Team quality** shall not disclose any information about the client or individual to a third party without the written consent of the client or the individual concerned. If **Team quality** is required by law to release confidential information to a third party, the client or the individual concerned shall, unless regulated by law, be notified in advance of the information provided. .

**(c) Force majeure-** Delay in or failure of performance of either party hereto shall not constitute a default hereunder or give rise to any claim for damage if and to the extent such delay or failure is caused by an act of war, natural disaster, fire, explosion, labor dispute or any other event beyond the control of the party affected and which, by the exercise of reasonable diligence, said party is unable to prevent. The party affected shall notify the other party in writing of the causes and expected duration immediately after the occurrence of any such event.

**(d) Law & disputes-**The agreement for certification between **Team quality** and client shall be governed by prevailing law in India. Any dispute arising in connection with the agreement, which cannot be settled by private negotiations between the parties, shall be referred to arbitration as per the Indian Arbitration Act, subject to Delhi jurisdiction. The decision of the arbitration shall be binding for the both parties.

**(e) Appeals:** Client shall appeal to **Team quality** in respect of the following,

- 1) Non acceptance of client's application for certification
- 2) Not granting, suspending, withdrawing or denying of certification

**Team quality** shall deal with the appeals according to its procedure and shall be responsible for all decisions at all levels of the appeal handling process as per **Team quality** procedure PM-13

**Team quality** shall acknowledge the receipt of the appeal and shall provide the client with progress reports and the outcome.

- (g) **Complaints:** **Team quality** shall investigate the complaint received about the client to decide what action need to be taken and the same shall be communicated to the client at an appropriate

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time as per **Team quality** procedure PM-13. The identity of the complainant shall not be disclosed.

***Complaints about Team quality from the client or third party:*** Depending on the nature of the complaint, Chairman of the Impartiality Board shall decide to conduct the investigation himself or appoint a complaint panel for each complaint. The complaint panel shall contain at least two members from the **Team quality**'s auditor panel who have not been part of the audit and also not involved in certification decision or involved in the subject of the complaint. Further, the complainant shall be given an opportunity to present the case to the panel in person if he so desires.

The complaint panel shall investigate the complaint by looking into the records and / or talking to the complainant and **Team quality** and shall take a decision taking into account the results of any previous such complaints.

The details of investigation and the correction and the corrective actions identified are recorded in the complaint register. Upon verification on the effectiveness of corrective action taken, **Team quality** shall inform the complainant about the correction and corrective action taken and if the complainant is satisfied with the actions taken the complaint is treated as closed. The final Decision on the resolution of complaint shall be taken by the chairman of the impartiality Board.

**Complaints about the certified client from its customers or any other third party:**

**Team quality** shall inform the client about the complaint received and ask the client to investigate the complaint and report the findings to **Team quality** within two weeks from the date of receiving the complaint by the client.

If **Team quality** does not receive any response from the client or the action taken by the client is not found effective, **Team quality** shall inform the client accordingly and ask for a special audit at the client site by **Team quality**. On confirmation from the client **Team quality** shall conduct a special audit as per **Team quality** procedure PM-07 and investigate the complaint.

If the complaint is of serious nature **Team quality** shall initiate the special audit directly with the client

As its policy, **Team quality** shall not disclose the identity of the complainant to the client.

If any action is needed to be taken by the client **Team quality** shall verify the effectiveness of such action by suitable means appropriate to the gravity of the problem.

If the corrective action taken by the client is found effective **Team quality** shall inform the complainant accordingly and the complaint shall then be treated as closed.

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**Team quality** shall decide to make public the complaint and its resolution if agreed with client and complainant.

All the complaints received and their status with respect to their resolution are presented in the Management Review and the Impartiality Board meeting.

**(g) Fees** The fees shall be detailed in the quotation submitted by **Team quality**. Fees are charged on the basis of applicable rates at the time of submission of the quotation. **Team quality** may revise the fee submitted in the quotation during the Certification period. Clients shall be notified of any change in the fee.

If any special audit is performed on the client as detailed in section 3.9, **Team quality** shall charge an extra fee for such audits to cover the audit charges and other administrative costs and this shall be payable within 7 days from the date of invoice.

Cancellation of Audit shall involve re-imbursement of expenses incurred by **Team quality**, if any.

**(h) Access to the client site:** The client, at the request of **Team quality**, shall permit access to their sites and records for **Team quality**'s auditors and authorized personnel on behalf of the accreditation body to which **Team quality** is accredited. The same shall be communicated to the client in advance.

**(I) Agreement Period:** The agreement signed comes to force on and remains in the force until the expiry of the certificate, unless withdrawn for justified reasons or withdrawn by either party upon due notice given to the other party.

**(j) Liability:** **Team quality**'s liability shall be limited to providing certification of the client's management system and shall not in any way be responsible for the liabilities arising out of the client's products or services.

PID 03 Condition for use of logo & certificate

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**Team quality** shall issue a certificate when the client complies with, all the requirements for certification. All certificates issued by **Team quality** shall remain the property of **Team quality** and must be returned when requested. The certificates are issued for a period of three years and have validity as stated in the certificate. After the issue of the certificate the client is authorized to use the certification mark or the logo in advertising matter in conformity with the following requirements.

### **General conditions for use of Logo & Certificates**

- 1.0** The client is authorized to use the certification mark or its logo in advertising matter and while using this mark or logo the client shall ensure that it: -
- (a) Conforms to requirements of **Team quality** when making reference to its certification status in communication media such as Internet, brochures or advertising or other documents.
  - (b) Does not make or permit any misleading statement regarding its certification.
  - (c) Does not use or permit the use of the certification document or any part thereof in a misleading manner.
  - (d) Upon suspension or withdrawal of its certification, discontinues its use of all advertising matter that contains a reference to certification, as directed by Conforms to requirements of **Team quality**.
  - (e) Amends all advertising matter when the scope of certification has been reduced.
  - (f) Shall not use the certification information in a manner to imply that the product or service is certified. The certification mark or logo shall not be used on a product or product packaging as this could be interpreted as denoting product conformity.
  - (g) The logos shall also not be applied to laboratory test, calibration or inspection reports or any form of certificates issued by educational institutions as such reports/ certificates are deemed to be products in this context.
  - (h) Does not imply that certification applies to activities that are outside the scope of its certification.
  - (i) Shall not use the certification in such a manner that would bring conforms to requirements of **Team quality** and /or the certification system into disrepute and lose public trust.

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(j) Logo shall not be applied on visiting cards.

**1.1** Whenever the Accreditation Mark is to be used by Conforms to requirements of **Team quality** certified clients, it is to be accompanied by the **Team quality** logo, & both marks are to be proportioned so that neither has obvious precedence or prominence over the other and its use is limited to stationery, literature and other written promotional materials.

**1.2** The Certification Body / Accreditation Body Logo may be uniformly reduced or enlarged but shall not be less than 15 mm in height and not less than 12mm in width (minimum size 15x12mm.), but both the symbols should be legible

**1.3.** The symbols may be reproduced electronically, provided that the requirements of the respective accreditations bodies, as described in this procedure, are met and distortion and /or degradation does not occur

**1.4.** Whenever a subsidiary belonging to a group has been certified there shall not be any confusion as to which part of the group holds the certification and it shall not imply that the other subsidiaries have been certified

**1.5.** Where the organization ( the client) wishes to make reference to its certification instead of using the symbols of the certification & accreditation bodies, the organization shall use without variation the phrase “ An ISO XXXXX:XXXX Certified Company“ (identify the applicable ISO standard e.g. ISO 9001: 2015

## **2.0 Certification body logo**

The **Team quality** certification mark may only be reproduced as shown in the attachment- **1**

## **3.0 Accreditation body logo**

The accreditation mark shall be reproduced as shown in the attachment- **1**

## **4.0 Misuse**

The misuse of marks or certificate shall result in the following actions.

### **4.1 Innocent Misuse**

- Immediate withdrawal of the offending literature by the client , or
- Suspension of approval (certification) until misuse is rectified.

If action is not taken to rectify the misuse within a reasonable time, the approval will be withdrawn.



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#### **4.2 Negligent / Fraudulent misuse**

- Withdrawal of approval together with publication of the reason for withdrawal.

Misuse is deemed negligent / fraudulent where the mark is knowingly or carelessly misused. Repeated “innocent” misuse would be deemed negligent.

#### **5.0 Withdrawal of certification**

In the event that approval is withdrawn, the client shall immediately cease use and distribution of any literature, stationary etc bearing the mark. The artwork supplied and all the original approval certificates are to be returned to **Team quality**.

#### **6.0 Contractual Obligation**

**6.1** Correct use of **Team quality** certification and the accreditation body mark is a contractual obligation that the client undertakes to comply with as per agreement signed with **Team quality**

**6.2** Where the **Team quality** certification and accreditation body's mark have been used by the client, their use is to be reviewed at all surveillance and re-certification audits to ensure that their use is correct and in accordance with the requirements identified in this document.

**6.3** Any misuse of logo shall be brought to the attention of the client and included in the surveillance or the re-certification audit reports.

**6.4** It is likely that in some cases the client may have to update the logos and they still may have stationery and brochures showing the previously issued **Team quality** certification and the accreditation body logos. Under such circumstance, it is permissible for the client to continue use of the previously issued logo on the understanding that the new logos must be used in the next printing.

**Team quality.**

Director





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**Attachment - 1**

**Team quality LOGO**



PID 04 Rules and regulation for certification .Multi-site

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

**Team quality** (company registration no. 17695, Dt. 10-02-2019) based at office No 9, Alyousra Building - Alsaba Emarat – Sadat City – Monufia Government , Egypt, is the legal entity responsible for all its certification activities. The main objective of the company is to offer independent third party certification to organizations against various Management System Standards; (e.g. ISO 9001:2015 , ISO 14001:2015, ISO 45001:2018, ISO 22000:2018, FSSC 22000 , ISO 13485:2016 ) .

## **2.0 Criteria for Granting Certification of a Multi-site organization:**

### **2.1. General rules and regulation- (Document PID-02)**

**2.1.1.** The rules & regulations specified in the document, PID-02 shall be applicable to all organizations applying for certification to Team quality .

### **2.2. Rules and regulation- Multi site**

**2.2.1.** For multi-site organizations the rules & regulations specified in this document, PID-04 shall be additionally applicable. All organizations seeking multi-site certification shall essentially comply with these.



### **2.3. Eligibility**

**2.3.1.** Multi-site organization is defined as an organization having an identified central function (central office) at which certain activities are planned, controlled or managed and a network of local offices and branches (sites) at which such activities are fully or partially carried out.

**2.3.2.** A multi site organization need not be a unique legal entity, but all sites shall have a legal or contractual link with the central office and be subject to a common management system. The management system is laid down, established and subject to continuous surveillance and internal audits by the central office. This means that the central office has rights to ensure that the sites implement corrective actions when needed at any site.

**2.3.3.** The processes at all the sites have to be substantially of the same kind and have to be operated to similar methods and procedures. Where some of the sites under consideration conduct similar, but fewer processes than others, they may be eligible for inclusion provided that the site or sites, which conduct most processes or critical processes, are subject to full audit . All the sites should be in the same country.

**2.3.4.** Organizations, which conduct their business through linked processes in different locations, are also eligible for certification under multi-site. Where processes in each location are not similar but are clearly linked, the sampling plan shall include at least one example of each processes conducted by the organization (e.g. fabrication of electronic component in one location, assembly of the same components – by the same company in several other locations)

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**2.3.5.** The organization's management system shall be under a centrally controlled and administered plan and be subject to central management review. All the relevant sites including the central office shall be subject to the organization's internal audit program and all sites have been audited prior to certification audit.

**2.3.6.** The central office has established the management system in accordance with the relevant ISO or other standard and the whole organization meets the requirements of the standard including relevant legal regulations.

**2.3.7.** The organization should demonstrate its ability to collect and analyze data (system documentation and changes, management review, complaints, corrective actions, internal audit, legal requirements etc) from all sites including the central office and its authority and also demonstrate its authority and ability to initiate organization changes if required.

**2.3.8.** If all the sites of an organization where the activity subject to certification is performed are not ready to be submitted for certification at the same time, the organization shall be required to inform Team quality in advance of the sites that it wants to be included in the certification and those which are to be excluded.

## **2.4. Nonconformities.**



**2.4.1.** Whenever any non-conformity is found at an individual site, either through the organization's internal auditing or auditing by Team quality , the organization shall investigate whether it leads to a system deficiency affecting all other sites or limited to the particular site only. If it is found a system deficiency correction and corrective action should be performed both at central office and at the individual sites. If the corrective action is limited to only the site where the nonconformity has been reported, the organization should be able to demonstrate to Team quality , the justification for limiting its follow up corrective action.

**2.4.2.** At the time of the decision making process, if any site has nonconformity pending the certification shall be denied to the whole network pending satisfactory corrective action.

**2.4.3.** It shall not be admissible that, in order to overcome the obstacle raised by the existence of non-conformity at a single site, the organization seeks to exclude from the scope the "problematic site "site during the certification process. Such exclusion can only be agreed in advance as stated in section 2.3.8.

## **2.5. Certification Document**

**2.5.1.** Team quality shall issue the certificate after completing the procedural requirements (PID-02) and the sites included in the certificate are either individually audited or audited as per a sampling scheme as defined in Team quality procedure.

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**2.5.2.** Team quality shall withdraw the entire certificate if the central office or any of the sites does not fulfill the necessary provisions for the maintenance of the certification.

**2.5.3.** As the list of sites need to be updated by Team quality , the organization shall inform Team quality about the closure of any of the sites covered by the certification. Failure to provide such information will be considered by Team quality as a misuse of the certification and Team quality shall initiate appropriate action for suspension as specified in PID-02.

**2.5.4.** Team quality shall grant additional sites to the existing certification either through the routine surveillance, special audit or re-certification audit.

## **2.6. Sampling**

**2.6.1.** The number of sites selected for certification shall be based on the norms framed by Team quality to meet the requirements of the applicable standard.

**2.6.2.** It is not necessary to select the sites before starting of the audit process, but can also be done after the audit of the central office.

Date:

Authorized Signature

For Team quality .

Note: This document should be read in conjunction with general Rules & Regulations for Certification specified in PID-02.