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In This Issue:

Since our last newsletter, we have a few things to catch up on!

In this edition of our newsletter we want to share the following information with you:

- ISO 9001 Update
- Automotive News and the FMEA and APQP Updates
- New RCMS & RC14001 – Chemical Industry
- AS9100 - Aerospace
- TL9000 – Telecommunications
- New Web Page

With these e-news communications, you'll find current information regarding the status of the various ISO based Standards and links where you can gain greater insight and knowledge on the subjects you're most interested.

We are also interested in using the e-news tool to provide others the opportunity to provide tips, feedback or information they wish to share. To do so, simply e-mail your information to our webmaster@eaglegroupusa.com and we'll see if we can insert it into future e-news updates.

We hope we can continue to communicate with you in this format, but if not, please indicate at the bottom of the page your desire to be removed from our distribution and we'll promptly remove your name.

ISO 9001 Based Quality Management Systems

ISO 9001:2000 is currently undergoing a revision and is expected to be released as ISO 9001:2008 in late October to early November of this year. The changes being anticipated are minimal in nature and will not require the paradigm shift or massive rewrites of documentation that many organizations underwent when they released the 2000 version. It is anticipated that all registered organizations will have up to 2 years to conform to this revision.

With the release of ISO 9001:2008 we anticipate many standards that have ISO 9001 as their root to be updated shortly thereafter (see later in this issue for AS9100, and TL 9000) to be released shortly thereafter.

ISO/TS 16949 – Automotive Management System

As noted earlier we expect the ISO/TS 16949 Automotive Quality Requirements specification to be updated by the end of the year and we expect changes going beyond the minor tweaks to the ISO 9001 standard. – Update: The Automotive standard will not be modified at this time to incorporate the new changes to ISO 9001.

FMEA and APQP Updates

New editions to the AIAG Potential Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (FMEA) and the Advanced Product Quality Planning and Control Plan (APQP) Guidance Manuals have been issued. These documents are on their fourth and second editions, respectively.

The FMEA Manual has had significant changes made to the tables utilized to evaluate the organizations risk; these changes should drive your organization to update all of your current Design and Process FMEAs when your customer guidance requires compliance to the AIAG FMEA. The APQP changes are relatively minor in nature and basically have been made to catch up with the terminology used in ISO/TS 16949.

International Automotive Oversight Bureau (IAOB)

The IAOB web site no longer provides links to the ISO/TS 16949 Sanctioned Interpretations or Customer Specific Requirements. These items are now available at the International Automotive Task Force (IATF) web site <http://www.iatfglobaloversight.org/>.

Responsible Care®

New versions of both the RC14001 and the RCMS Technical Specifications have been published and are expected to be implemented by the end of 2008.

In addition to the updated Responsible Care specifications (Health, Safety, Environmental and Security Management Systems for the Chemical Industry) the American Chemistry Council has updated the Responsible Care Guiding Principles.

AS9100 Quality Systems - Aerospace - Model for Quality Assurance in Design, Development, Production, Installation and Servicing

The AS9100 standard will be reissued as version C before the end of the year and will have a number of key changes:

- Incorporation of the ISO 9001:2008 changes,
- Expand the scope of the standard to include land and sea based systems for defense applications,
- Ensure alignment with the International Aerospace Quality Group strategy of on-time, on-quality performance,
- Adopt new requirements based on stakeholder needs, and
- Improve existing requirements based where stakeholders identified a need for clarification.

There is a maximum of 30 months allowed to upgrade to the latest revision from publication of revision C.

TL 9000 – Telecommunications Quality Management System

As with the other standards the new revision 5.0 of the TL9000 standard will incorporate the ISO 9001 changes and will also include lessons learned from the version 4.0 implementation.

New Eagle Group Web Site

We have done a major upgrade to the Eagle Group USA Web site at www.eaglegroupusa.com.

Features of the new site:

- A cleaner layout
- Pull-down menus for easier navigation
- Search Engine for within site exploration
- Streamlined pages for easier viewing

If you would like to see any other features added to the site please let us know.

Note: For some features such as the Search Engine you may need to allow Active-X Features on your web viewer.

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