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Guidelines for the transition to SA8000:2014

1. Certificates for SA8000:2008 are valid up to 30 June 2017 only
2. All certified organizations and all new organizations requesting to be certified to the SA8000 must perform their self assessment of the social fingerprint prior to the end of 2016.
3. The guidelines for the social fingerprint client instructions can be downloaded from the IQC website. This is performed on the SAI training center platform.
4. Once a year IQC will verify the results of the social fingerprint and this shall be included in the audit report.
5. Following the approval of the accreditation body SAAS IQC shall initiate the review of the social fingerprint in every audit (Surveillance, certification and re-certification). Those that have not performed their self assessment will receive a major non conformity which needs to be closed with a month and a half from the audit date. If this is not closed the organization shall be suspended.
6. Additional information and explanations can be found in the presentations of the new issues of the standard on the IQC website.
7. We are here for you questions at all times

Sincerely yours the SA8000 team

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