QMS for AIS/MAP
Service Implementation Workshop
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UNDERSTANDING
AND IMPLEMENTING
ISO 9001:2008
HOW to IMPLEMENT a QMS?

Four Phases

1. Planning & Designing
2. Describing
3. Implementing the QMS
4. Improving the QMS

TOP MANAGEMENT

Get in first by.....
- Learning about ISO
- Planning the project and assigning responsibilities

Make your commitment visible by.....
- Providing resources
- Rewarding participation in the ISO project
Since ISO 9001:2000 there is significant emphasis on the role of Top Management

- “provide evidence of commitment”
- “establish the quality policy”
- “ensure quality objectives are established”
- “conduct management reviews”
- “ensure availability of resources”

Gaining Management Support

- Education, training
  - ensure management understand the need for a quality management system and the potential benefits
- Investments/Dividends
  - management will understand the concepts of investing in order to achieve returns
  - stress the long term cost advantages and potential improvements in efficiency
This will depend upon a number of factors, for example:

- The size of the organisation
- The number of distinct processes and activities that need to be managed
- How well the organisation is managed
- The amount of required documentation, e.g. records, that already exist
A POSSIBLE APPROACH

1. Set Policy
2. Assign Responsibilities
3. Plan
4. Define (SMM)
5. Disseminate
6. Implement
7. Control and survey
8. Refine

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Planning for ISO 9001 Implementation
1. Getting a clear picture of how you already comply

2. Developing an Action Plan
INITIAL SURVEY

Start by reviewing the current situation

What elements of a QMS are already in place?

► Organisation charts
► Process documents
► Forms and records
► Job descriptions

IDENTIFY MISSING ELEMENTS

Identify the items required that are not in place, these may be for example:

► some process documents
► some necessary records
► an internal quality audit process
► a formal management review process
► a continual improvement process

In effect you are performing a “Gap analysis”
IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

- In order to ensure a successful implementation it must be planned, e.g. as a project
- Resources must be identified
- Activities planned and assigned
- Time scales agreed and documented
- Responsibilities allocated
- Progress must be regularly monitored

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Typical ISO 9001 Action Plan
Describing ISO 9001 Implementation

Describing Phase

1. Description of What Exists
2. Interfaces
3. Process mapping
QMS FRAMEWORK

The framework of the Quality Management System starts with Top Management

► they set the business objectives
► they must then establish an organisation to put those policies into action
► they must ensure that key processes are controlled
► they must identify responsibilities and interfaces
► they must ensure that resources are provided
ISO 9001 FRAMEWORK

ISO 9001 states:

- All requirements are intended to be generic
- Applicable to all organisations
- Where a requirement cannot be applied it can be considered for exclusion
- Exclusions are limited to clause 7
  - Must not affect ability to provide product that meets customer and regulatory requirements

SUGGESTED APPROACH

- Examine requirements of clause 7
- Determine whether any may be considered for exclusion
- Be sure that this can be justified against the ISO 9001 stated criteria
- Document the exclusion and justification in the Quality Manual
The framework of the system documentation will depend upon the business structure, e.g.

- The size and complexity of the organisation
- Is there a department or team-based structure?
- A typical documentation structure is shown on the next slide.

**TYPICAL QMS STRUCTURE**

- **STANDARD - ISO 9001 OR SIMILAR**
  - Policy, objectives, organisation, outline of quality system
- **QUALITY MANUAL**
  - Processes, practices, responsibilities, interfaces
- **PROCESS DOCUMENTS AND PROCEDURES**
  - Detailed instructions on how to carry out specific tasks
- **INSTRUCTIONS**
  - Quality records
- **FORMS**
  - Design
- **IT Support**
- **Installation**
- **Training**
ISO 9001 States:
“The documentation may be in any form or type of medium”
- Therefore it could be in text form or in the form of process maps/flowcharts
- It could be a paper-based system or could be on computer, e.g. accessed via an intranet browser

CHOOSING a FORMAT

- Each organisation can choose its own format
- The majority at present have paper-based text documents
- Increasingly organisations are using flowcharts and “computerised” systems
  - A computer based solution often has advantages when it comes to document and change control
Implementing ISO 9001

Implementation Phase

1. Making the QMS Work
2. Involving
PRODUCING the QMS Documentation

THE QUALITY MANUAL

- Description of the organisation
- Quality Policy, key objectives
- Structure of the organisation
  - Interfaces, responsibilities
- Overview of the Quality System
  - show approach to Standard requirements
  - detail and justify any exclusions
Do we need process documents? The ISO 9001 standard calls for few mandatory procedures. The question is do we need documents in order to effectively control our business processes?

Benefits of process documents:

- Provide consistency/repeatability
- Define responsibility/authority
- Continuity when staff change
- Assist in staff training
- Help identify cause of errors
- Benchmark for improvement
**Definition:**
Set of inter-related or interacting activities which transforms inputs into outputs

ISO 9000
**PROCEDURE**

Definition:
Specified way to carry out an activity or process

ISO 9000

i.e. describes how a process is performed

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**GOOD PROCEDURE**

- Process based - not ISO 9001 clause based
  - Should not be excessive
- Simple, clear, concise style
- Aimed at education/experience of personnel using procedure
- Realistic - do not specify the impossible
“We have excellent procedures here Smithers - however we do tend to ignore them”

**PROCEDURE DEVELOPMENT**

- Establish current practice
- Document current practice
- Review current practice
- Prepare procedure
- Review and approve
- Issue procedure
**PRODUCING PROCEDURES**

- Establish standard format/template
- Indicate approval/revision status
- Consider using flow charts or process maps
- Train the procedure writers

**FLOWCHARTS**

Using a flowchart is a very effective way to describe a process

“a picture is worth a thousand words”
Any process can be represented in the form of a simple flow chart using just two symbols:

- **Activity or process**
- **Decision**
FLOWCHART RULES

There is one route into the box and only one route out for the process activity boxes.

There is one route in and two possible routes out for the decision boxes (e.g. yes/no or pass/fail).

PROCESSES and DECISIONS

- Process boxes describe a task, and the text contains a verb
  - e.g. file the form, or amend the document
- Decision boxes ask a question, with two possible answers
  - e.g. is information correct, or does the product meet the requirements?
Example

- INSERT CORRECT?
- RECEIVE INFORMATION
- VERIFY ACCURACY
  - YES
  - IS IT CORRECT?
    - YES: END
    - NO: MAKE CORRECTIONS
  - NO

Improving the ISO 9001 Implementation
Improvement Phase

1. Checking the QMS

2. Adapting

Improvement Phase

Quality assurance

Management Review

Internal Audit
Internal Quality Systems Audits

AUDIT OBJECTIVES

(1) To ensure that procedures are being followed i.e. We are doing what we say we do

(2) To determine the effectiveness of the systems and procedures in meeting the quality objectives

(3) To afford an opportunity to improve the quality system
ISO 10011  Guidelines for auditing quality systems

Part 1: Auditing
Part 2: Qualification criteria for quality systems auditors
Part 3: Management of audit programmes

ISO 9001:2008

WHAT DOES THE ABOVE STANDARD SAY ABOUT INTERNAL QUALITY SYSTEMS AUDITING?
8.2.2 INTERNAL AUDIT

- Verify compliance, effectiveness
- Planned audit programme
- Independent auditors
- Documented procedure
- Timely corrective action
- Follow-up activities

AUDIT PROGRAMME

- Audits planned in advance
- Audits are not random spot checks
- Scheduled usually by department, function, or process
- Consider the status and importance of process, and previous results
AUDIT TECHNIQUES

- INTERVIEW
- EXAMINE
- VERIFY
- QUESTION
- OBSERVE

AUDIT REPORT

Summary of results, including:

- Scope, dates, auditors
- Satisfactory areas
- Nonconformities (refer to NCR’s)
- Observations, recommendations
FOLLOW-UP

- Auditee responsible for corrective preventive actions
- Auditor follows-up action to ensure it is taken and effective
- Audit actions are closed - records

SUMMARY OF AUDIT PROCESS

- PLANNING
  Schedule, Preparation, Checklist
- AUDITING
  Opening Meeting, Audit, Closing Meeting
- COMPLETION
  Report, Corrective action, Follow-up
BENEFITS OF AUDITING

► Verifies that procedures are followed
► Reviews effectiveness of system
► Helps to identify problem areas
► Assists transfer of best practice
► Effective mechanism for continuous improvement

Preparing for Certification
ISO 9001 - Steps in Implementation

- Management decision/commitment
- Decide scope of system
- Review current situation - report gaps
- Formulate action plan
- Document & implement processes
- Review and internal audit
- Formal assessment
KEY QUESTIONS

Before inviting an external assessment check the following:

► Are the mandatory documents in place - quality manual and procedures?
► Are key processes identified and controlled?
► Have internal audits and management reviews been conducted?
► Are results from these satisfactory?

FINAL PREPARATION

► Consider a pre-assessment
  ◦ internal
  ◦ independent consultant
  ◦ your assessment body
► Inform all of your staff
  ◦ explain the process
  ◦ clarify their responsibilities
  ◦ seek their feedback regarding any concerns
The Certification Process

Regulation of the ISO 9001 Certification Process

- National Government (e.g. UK DTI)
- Regulating Authority (e.g. UKAS, DAR)
- Certification Bodies
- Companies/Organisations

Accredit
THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS

STAGE 1: Documentation Review

STAGE 2: Initial assessment of the Quality System in action

STAGE 3: Continuing assessment by periodic surveillance

STAGE 1

- Company agrees contract with one Certification Body
- Company submits QMS documentation to the Certification Body
- Certification Body reviews the documents against Standard and reports results
- When satisfactory, Certification Body produces plan/schedule for assessment
STAGE 2

- Certification Body carry out assessment
- Examine all major processes
- Interview a cross-section of personnel
- The audit is a sampling process
- Result is reported at closing meeting
- If necessary a follow-up visit is arranged
- When successful, an Approval Certificate is issued
STAGE 3

- Throughout approval period the Certification Body conducts regular surveillance visits
- Typically every 6/12 months
  - target specific parts of the system
  - cover certain core elements every time
- Many Certification Bodies operate a 3-year approval cycle
QUALITY MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES

- Customer focused organization
- Leadership
- Involvement of people
- Process approach
- System approach to management
- Factual approach to decision making
- Mutually beneficial supplier relationships
- Continual improvement

Key Principles of ISO 9000

1 GET ORGANISED
   - define roles, responsibilities, interfaces
2 PROVIDE RESOURCES
   - human resources, training, facilities
3 DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS
   - establish procedures, control documents
4 CONTROL PROCESSES
   - plan processes, control operations
5 KEEP RECORDS OF ACTIVITIES
   - evidence of effective operation
6 CARRY OUT REGULAR CHECKS
   - inspections, tests, surveys, audits
7 IMPROVE THE SYSTEMS
   - pro-active continual improvement process
If the ISO 9001:2008 implementation project is to be successful, then there **MUST** be support and commitment from Top Management.

Are there any final questions or points for discussion?
Thank you for attending this workshop - we hope that it has fully met your needs and expectations.