

Translation, letter for VW-AG suppliers, December 1999

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Certification of the QM-Systems per VDA 6.1 or ISO/TS 16949

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

With our letter from 10/96 we had requested that all production locations for our suppliers worldwide obtain VDA 6.1 certification. This certification is a requirement for an "A" status, which has to be obtained by all suppliers in order to be considered for purchasing orders for parts and material.

Since that time due to harmonization of existing different QM-System-Standards of the European and American automobile industry the ISO/TS 16949 standard was created and published. The ISO/TS 16949 standard unifies the requirements of VDA 6.1, EAQF, AVSQ, and QS 9000.

Volkswagen as a member of the International Automotive Task Force (IATF) has been working to obtain this harmonization to especially help companies which are working internationally to assist in obtaining QM-System-Standards certification.

The decision is now up to the supplier if their certification in the future will be obtained per VDA 6.1 or ISO/TS 16949, as both QM-System-Standards are seen as equally acceptable.

Suppliers which have not yet obtained certification of their QM-Systems per VDA 6.1 are requested to obtain this as soon as possible. The certifications are requested to be sent to the department Quality Audit Suppliers, see address above.

With friendly greetings,

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