

**To:**

VDA QMC Certification Bodies recognized by the IATF

## Ukraine Crisis

Date

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Dear Certification Bodies,

These days are unfortunately dominated by the current distressing Crisis in Ukraine. The German Automotive Industry and the VDA condemn Russian state's aggression against Ukraine and our thoughts and solidarity are with the people in Ukraine and those fleeing their homeland.

The German Automotive Industry supports the actions of the international community to bring an end to the conflict and supports the provision of specific help to the people of Ukraine.

As immediate decisions, VDA QMC is instructing all IATF-recognized certification bodies reporting to VDA QMC:

- to no longer conduct any IATF 16949 audits in Russia until further notice;
- to not issue any new IATF 16949 certificates (following an initial, recertification or transfer audit) for clients in Russia until further notice;
- to not issue any Letters of Conformance to IATF 16949 for clients in Russia until further notice.

Additionally, VDA QMC will also no longer request and accept any license fees for IATF 16949 audits conducted in Russia until further notice.

This applies to all IATF 16949 audits conducted in Russia after 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022, regardless of whether these audits were conducted on-site by local auditors, on-site by foreign auditors or remotely by local or foreign auditors.

The IATF is currently also discussing global waivers for Ukrainian organizations certified to IATF 16949 impacted by this crisis and 3<sup>rd</sup> party auditors based there. An official IATF stakeholder communication will be published in due course.

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We are also aware of numerous additional questions related to further impacts of the situation on the supply chain based on various reasons (disruptions of supplier and customer manufacturing sites, disruptions in logistics, shortage of labor, shortage of parts such as cable harness, shortage of raw material such as aluminum, steel and several alloys, etc.).

Unless an IATF-approved global waivers has been communicated, we will manage those situations with individual waivers and collect these circumstances for potential further global waivers.

In cases of further questions related the sanctions of the international community and their potential impact of your business we would like to provide you with the following information specifically for German organizations:

- The German Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control (BAFA) has established a hotline for questions on goods- and freight-related topics in the context of the new sanctions: +49 6196 908-1237. There is also more information on the website of the BAFA under the following link: [LINK](#)
- The German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Actions (BMWK) added several information on their website: [LINK](#)
- The Deutsche Bundesbank also established a hotline for question related to financial sanctions. The hotline can be reached under: +49 89 2889-3800. Further information can be found under this link: [LINK](#)

Please contact the IATF Oversight Office VDA QMC if you have any further questions.

Best regards / Mit freundlichen Grüßen,



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