Dear Auditors,

All management system auditors who are worth their salt know that there are strict rules about the client use of the PRI Registrar, ANAB and or IAF Logos on websites or company stationary. Unfortunately, a more subtle violation was recently missed by our auditor during an ANAB field witness audit that resulted in an NCR. The client had presented the auditor with a certificate of conformance for its client’s completed material order that included a statement in the document header that identified “ISO 9001:2015 and AS9100D Certified” (!).

This was a clear violation of ISIO 17021-1 paragraph 8.3.4f which forbids a client to reference its management system certification in such a way as to imply that the certification body certifies a product or process.

Our “PRI Registrar Logo Certificate and Use of Marks Guidelines”, is attached via the hyperlink below, and available on the auditor help tab in RMS for your review. Of note therein is the following paragraph:

“The accreditation mark or certificate mark cannot be affixed to products or their packages or related products, nor in any way that could be misinterpreted as indicating product conformity. Marks cannot be applied to laboratory test, calibration or inspection reports or certificates.”

Please review this attached document and signify via the acknowledgement that you have read and understood these requirements as detailed in this advisory.

And, as usual, should you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

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