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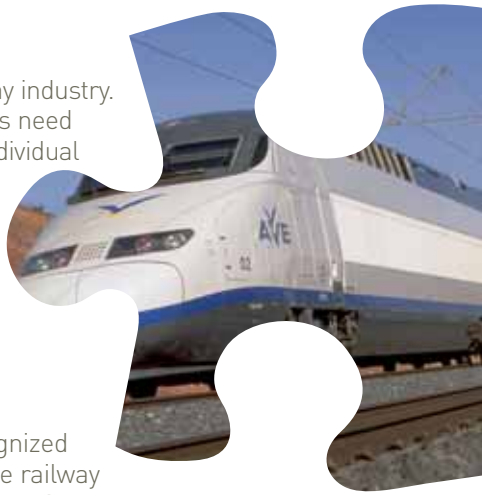
IRIS Certification

Demonstrating your value as a quality supplier in the international rail transport sector

BUSINESS CHALLENGE

The liberalization of European rail transport poses a particular challenge for the railway industry. With increasing competition, especially in the European Union's goods market, railways need "ready to run" transportation systems that meet the many different requirements of individual countries as well as comply with the restrictive regulatory requirements. In parallel, railway operators expect the railway supply industry to remain competitive, and to provide proven solutions for cars, facilities and operating equipment that meet high quality standards.



SOLUTION

What is IRIS certification?
IRIS (or International Railway Industry Standard) is based on the internationally recognized quality standard ISO 9001. It is a complementary extension to ISO 9001, specific to the railway industry, designed for the evaluation of management systems. The underlying aim of IRIS is to improve the quality and reliability of rolling stock produced, by improving the whole supply chain.

What are the key benefits?

- Proof of your company's status as a quality supplier
- International identification and recognition in the railway industry: IRIS certified companies are included in a UNIFE database, which is used by buyers of major railway industry manufacturers.
- Quality improvement throughout the whole supply chain: due to standardized requirements, improved product quality and an efficient chain of procedures
- Decisive advantage for suppliers looking to secure or maintain contracts in the industry.
- Cost saving: due to uniform terms of qualification, reduced cost to obtain IRIS certification through an integrated certification to both ISO 9001 and IRIS
- Time saving: instead of numerous individual audits from your customers, allows one overall audit

WHY CHOOSE BUREAU VERITAS CERTIFICATION?

Expertise ■ Bureau Veritas Certification is a worldwide leader in certification with over 80,000 certified companies in more than 100 countries.

Recognition ■ Bureau Veritas Certification is recognized by more than 35 national and international accreditation bodies across the world to deliver ISO 9001 certification. Bureau Veritas is the first global independent certification body to receive IRIS accreditation from UNIFE.

Network ■ We operate in more than 100 countries. This global presence means that our clients can benefit from the double advantage of international expertise combined with a genuine depth of local knowledge.

Business understanding ■ All our auditors are dedicated to specific sectors such as the railway industry, which allows them to better assess your processes. With more than 5,700 specially trained auditors we are fully equipped to deliver a certification service that is meaningful to your business.

Combined services ■ We offer the possibility of combined certifications to the largest range of recognized standards, bringing consistency, optimization and efficiency.

RELATED SERVICES

In addition to IRIS certification, Bureau Veritas offers a wide range of services in the fields of Quality, Health & Safety, Environment and Social Responsibility. These include:

- Second party audits
- Internal audits
- Training

Bureau Veritas also offers the possibility of combined certification with ISO 9001, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001, SA8000 and sector-specific schemes such as ISO/TS 16949, AS 9100 and EN 9100.

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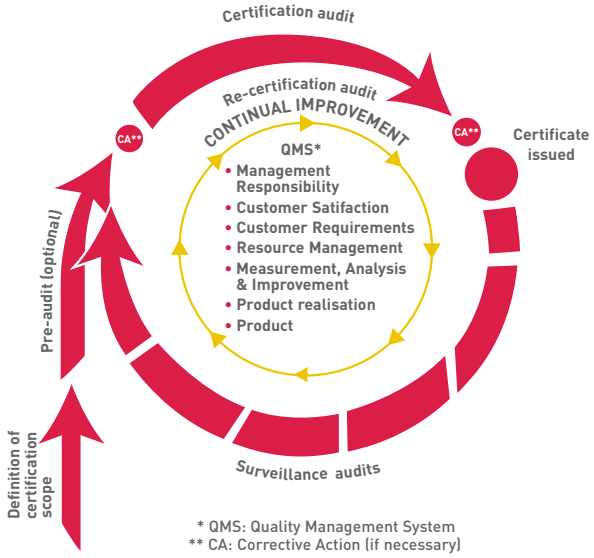
OUR CERTIFICATION PROCESS

A typical certification process includes the following key steps:

- Definition of certification scope;
- Pre-audit (optional): gap analysis and diagnosis of your current position against the standard;
- Certification audit (certificate issued). If successful, alongside the ISO 9001 certificate you will also receive the IRIS certificate and will be entered into the IRIS supplier database;
- Surveillance audits to monitor the continual improvement;
- Re-certification after 3 years through full audit or continual assessment.

Following each step a straightforward and complete report is delivered promptly allowing your company to continually improve its quality management performance.



FAQ

Which organizations support IRIS certification?
IRIS is an initiative led by the Association of European Railway Industry (UNIFE). It is widely supported across Europe by system integrators and equipment manufacturers such as Bombardier, Siemens, Alstom and AnsaldoBreda.

What are the differences between IRIS and ISO 9001?
IRIS is based on the ISO 9001 structure and adds railway specific requirements to the business management system, for example in relation to project management and design.

Will this certificate replace individual evaluations?
Yes, this certificate will replace individual evaluation by at least the four founders of this initiative (Alstom Transport, AnsaldoBreda, Siemens Transportation and Bombardier Transportation).

For what kind of companies is IRIS most relevant?
IRIS can be applied to all direct and indirect ancillary industries (such as manufacturers of system construction parts and individual components), operators as well as manufacturers of rail-mounted vehicles.

CLIENT REFERENCE

Bureau Veritas has earned the confidence of many leading companies including:

- Bombardier
- Siemens Transportation,
- Knorr Bremse,
- Hasler Rail,
- Focon Electronic Systems

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Bureau Veritas Certification (formerly BVQI) is the independant certification body of Bureau Veritas, which is an international group with a core business of conformity assessment, applied in the areas of QHSE-SR. Bureau Veritas serves more than 280,000 customers in 140 countries.

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