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[Common 1] Concerning the general guidance on a third-party certification system for products: JIS Q 1001：2009(hereinafter called "the guidance on certification")

No.	No. of Guideline Item	Content of the guidance on certification	Question	Applicable Interpretation
1	Clause 5	Application for certification	Can an applicant apply for the factories of the subsidiaries having the different quality control system collectively as a manufacturing factories.	In order to apply for plural factories collectively and certify them, the factories are required to have an integrated quality system in common, i.e. "the products to be certified shall be manufactured under the overall control." In view of the foregoing, it shall be determined by the accredited certification body whether such application can be accepted or not. However, in case that the applicant acquired the certification in a lump, it will happen that "when a serious nonconformity arises in one factory and the suspension or revocation of certification is applied to the factory, it shall affect to all the relevant factories."
2	Subclause 6.1 4th paragraph	Production record An accredited certification body shall survey production record of at least six months by deciding to certify (in cases of re-assessment for the entity whose certification was cancelled pursuant to Clause 15, ordinarily at least a year after reconstructing quality control system) and shall confirm that the quality of industrial and mineral products, etc. is stable.	In case of the re-assessment for the entity whose certification was cancelled, is production record of more than one year necessarily required? although the expression of "ordinarily" is used.	In this case, the production record of more than a year has to be confirmed. However, it can take exceptional measures for the certification if the accredited certification body make judgement to be able to fulfil its accountability.

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3	Subclause 6.2.2	Others 【In case that an applicant applies for certification in accordance with the criteria (B) of the quality control system, ... the applicant may attach the copy of registered certification and report obtained from the registration body to the application.】	If the applicant attaches the copy of registered certification, etc., is the result of the registration utilized as before.	In this case, accredited certification body determines how to survey whether the applicant's quality control system conform to the requirements specified in paragraph (2) of Article 2 of the "Ministerial Ordinance Concerning Certification of Conformity with Japanese Industrial Standard".
4	Subclause 6.3.1 3rd paragraph	Sampling before on-site survey [Sampling can be performed before on-site survey in initial factory audit.]	Only sampling is described in here, however, is it possible to start product testing before on-site survey in factory audit in case of long-time testing, etc.?	It's possible, but the result of the product testing become invalid if the quality control system is changed after sampling which affect the assessment of the conformity to JIS for the sample concerned.
5	Clause 10	Issuance of Certificate	Is it acceptable to post a color copy of the Certificate around the reception counter near the entrance or in the president's office, etc.?	It's acceptable, but the licensee is required to have established a system for controlling the original and copies of the Certificate.

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6	Annex B	As qualification requirement for a quality control manager, the item "ㅁ" (2) of Clause 5 of Annex B(Criteria of quality control system) provides for that [The quality control manager shall be …the person who is recognized to be a person with expertise in standardization and quality control by studying and graduating the course of …the subject on quality control in the course …or the school equivalent …by finishing the course of the lecture class of the subject on standardization and quality control corresponding to this.	A guideline is necessary with regard to "the course of the lecture class of the subject on standardization and quality control corresponding to this"	It is necessary to pass through a 60-hours training course which is based on the "criteria of training sessions for the purpose of training quality control managers" as publicized on the Website of the JIS Certification Bodies Association. However, in case a person has passed through a subject corresponding to the same in other training sessions or similar and the evidence demonstrating the same is confirmed, the hours of such training sessions or similar may be counted as part of the required 60 hours depending on the determination by a accredited certification body.