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[Common 1] Guidelines for general certification JIS Q 1001

No.	Guide item number	Description of guidance on certification	Question	Applicable Interpretation
1	5 paragraph	Application for certification	Is it possible for the applicant to apply for a factory of a subsidiary having a different quality control system as a manufacturing factory in bulk?	In order to apply and certify plural factories together, it is required that the quality system is integrated, i.e., "the target product is centrally controlled and produced." Based on this, accredited certification body will determine whether certification is possible for the batch application. However, in case batch certification is obtained, it means that “when a serious nonconformity of quality control system 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	6.1 4th paragraph Production record	[Accredited certification body shall investigate the production record for at least six months (in the case of reassessment of a licensee whose certification has been cancelled by clause 15, ordinary not less than one year after the quality control system was reconstructed) and shall confirm that the quality of industrial and mineral products, etc is stable before determining certification]	In case of reassessment of the license whose certification has been cancelled, is production record for one year or more required although the expression of “ordinarily” is used? In other words, is it impossible to acquire JIS certification for one year or more?	In this case, the production record of a year or more has to be confirmed before certification. However, exceptional measures may be taken if accredited certification body determines that it is accountable.

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3	6.2.2 paragraph	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 the audit registration report obtained from the registration body to the application]	If the applicant attaches the copy of registered certification, etc., is it possible to utilize the result of the registration (ISO 9001) as before?	In the case of a criteria (B) application, accredited certification body determines how to survey whether the applicant's quality control system complies with Article2, paragraph (2) of the "Ministerial Ordinance Concerning Certification of Conformity with Japanese Industrial Standard".
4	6.3.1 3rd paragraph	Sampling samples prior to on-site audit [Sampling can be performed prior to on-site audit of initial factory audit.]	It only describes sampling of samples, but is it possible to start product test prior to on-site audit of the factory in case of long-lasting test, etc.?	It's possible, but the result of the product test becomes 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 in the vicinity of the reception counter at the entrance or in the president's office, etc.?	It's acceptable, but the licensee is required to have the established system for controlling the original and copies of the Certificate.
6	Annex B	[The quality control manager shall be the person who is recognized as a person who has expertise in standardization and quality control by studying and graduating the course of …the subject on quality control in the course …the school equivalent …or by finishing the course of the lecture class of the subject on standardization and quality control corresponding to this.]	Guideline is required for the "Courses of the lecture class Related to Standardize and Quality Control Equivalent to the Standardization and Quality Control" listed in the left column.	It is required to complete the 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 completed a corresponding subject at the training session etc. and attestable evidence can be confirmed, this may be counted as a part of the required 60 hours depending on the determination by an accredited certification body.