

***IRIS***  
***International Railway Industry Standard***  
***A Quality Standard for the Railway industry***

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***What is IRIS ?***

**IRIS - International Railway Industry Standard**

- IRIS stands for **International Railway Industry Standard**.
- IRIS aims at developing and implementing a **common global system** for the evaluation of Business Management Systems **specific to the railway industry**, including:
  - ◆ One internationally recognized standard based on the key principles of ISO 9001 and specific to the railway industry;
  - ◆ One harmonized evaluation process to be performed by approved certification bodies;
  - ◆ A web-based IRIS Portal (common database) and Audit-Tool (software).

- Operators have complained about the quality of some Rolling Stock and requested to improve the quality of the Supply Chain.
- Railway equipment manufacturers have complained about the number of different requirements and audits from Rolling Stock Manufacturers and requested rationalization.



**IRIS is an answer to these requests**

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- The goal of IRIS is to improve the quality of the railway industry supply chain.
- The systems aims at a global recognition and acceptance of audit results, the avoidance of multiple auditing and therefore increased cost efficiency.
- Audit records and audit results will be collected and stored in a central database.
- IRIS will enable high quality in audits.

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- The development of the standard is **transparent** and involve all market participants via UNIFE.
- The standard is owned and managed by UNIFE (**ensure independency**).
- Audit results are traced **confidentially** and published only with allowance of the Audit Client. Rules for protection of data privacy will be followed.
- Approval of certification bodies is **fair and transparent**.

- Improved product quality & supply chain efficiency.
- Reduction of effort and cost.
- More accurate and reliable Information about suppliers to the railway industry.
- Fair evaluation by independent certification bodies.

**It's a win - win situation  
for all those concerned**

- Is based on the ISO 9001 Structure.
- IRIS adds a layer, which contains railway specific requirements for the Business Management System, e.g.
  - ◆ Project Management,
  - ◆ Design, etc...
- IRIS contains:
  - ◆ Mandatory requirements with «**Shall**» wording.
  - ◆ Optional requirements with «**Should**» wording.
- Some requirements are “**KnockOut**” criteria.

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| 0. Foreword                                   | 5. Management Responsibility                  |
| 1. Scope                                      | 5.1 Management commitment                     |
| 2. Normative Reference                        | 5.2 Customer focus                            |
| 3. Terms and Definitions                      | 5.3 Quality Policy                            |
|   | 5.4 Planning                                  |
|   | 5.5 Responsibility, authority & communication |
| 4. Quality Management System                  | 6. Resource Management                        |
| 4.1 General Requirements                      | 6.1 Provision of resources                    |
| 4.2 Documentation Requirements                | 6.2 Human resources                           |
| <u>4.3 Knowledge management</u>               | 6.3 Infrastructure                            |
| <u>4.4 Management of multi sites projects</u> | 6.4 Work Environment                          |

**7. Product Realization**

- 7.1 Planning
- 7.2 Customer related process
- 7.3 Tender Management
- 7.4 Project Management
- 7.5 Design & development
- 7.6 Configuration Management
- 7.7 Purchasing
- 7.8 Production & Service provision
- 7.9 Commissioning / Customer service
- 7.10 RAMS / LCC
- 7.11 Control of monitoring & measuring devices

**8. Measurement, analysis and improvement**

- 8.1 General
- 8.2 Monitoring and measurement
- 8.3 Control of nonconforming products
- 8.4 Control of nonconforming processes
- 8.5 Analysis of data
- 8.6 Improvement

- Audit results are scored, its not a fail/pass system
- Questionnaire has 253 questions :
  - 111 questions relative to ISO Requirements
  - 142 questions relative to IRIS Requirements
- 10 K.O. questions, not scored, fulfilment mandatory
- 32 Closed questions
  - ◆ Yes/No question
- 211 Open questions
  - ◆ scored using maturity levels
- Threshold
  - ◆ Section score  $\geq 50\%$  of maximum possible score
  - ◆ Global score  $\geq 50\%$  of maximum possible score



**1. additional railway specific requirements, e.g. such as**

- Knowledge management
- Management of multi sites projects
- Requirements management
- Competences, awareness and training
- Infrastructure management
- Tender management
- Integration management
- Scope management
- Time management
- Cost management
- Communication management
- Risk and opportunity management
- Change management
- First article inspection
- Configuration management
- Outsourcing (Make or Buy)
- Supply chain management
- Commissioning / Customer service
- RAMS / LCC
- Control of nonconforming processes
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**2a. Assessment methodology**

		7.4	Project management		
Knock-Out & process			Does the organization implement a project management (PM) or new product development process addressing the applicable areas of PM, describing roles and responsibilities, integrating the whole functions of the organisation in a multidisciplinary team? De		The organization has defined criteria for project / non-projects business including appropriate procedures. New product development has to be run as project. Projects have defined roles and responsibilities for the actors; integrating the whole functions
			K.O. QUESTION		

- 13 procedures to be documented (ISO 9001: 6)
- 19 processes required (ISO 9001: 3)

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## 2b. Maturity levels & scoring

Clause	Question	POOR (1 point)	DEFINED (2 points)	QUALIFIED (3 points)	OPTIMIZED (4 points)
7.3	<b>Tender management</b>				
	How are risks related to the product reviewed? Does the organization has a multidisciplinary approach prior to commitment to start the quotation process? <b>OPEN QUESTION</b>	- Process defined and implemented. - multi-disciplinary approach, prior to the submission of the quotation and records maintained	Plus: - formal review and defined process available - risks are continuously monitored, updated	Plus: The effectiveness of the risk assessment was analysed on a regular basis	Plus: Continuous improvement of the risk assessment process including tools
	As a minimum, are project / product requirements identified, controlled and validated? <b>CLOSED QUESTION</b>		Identification of requirements as before formal validation process- formal approval process		

$\sum \text{ of points } / \text{ max points } \geq \text{ Threshold } (\sim 50 \%)$

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## 3. Corrective or improvement actions

Concluding the answers of each individual requirement (question) there might be corrective or improvement actions required.  
Therefore the following scheme shall be applied:

Compliance	Level	Points	Actions requested	
			open question	closed question
Compliant	optimized	4	no specific action expected	
	qualified	3	improvement action might be expected	
	defined	2	improvement action requested; to be closed within 12 months	no specific action expected
Non Compliant	poor	1	corrective action requested; to be closed within 90 days	
	insufficient	0	corrective action requested; to be re-audited within 90 days	corrective action requested; to be re-audited within 90 days

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#### **4. Compensative and rewarding approach**

Once certified, the client has to undertake so-called surveillance audits on a regular basis, however a minimum of once per year.

Following compensative and rewarding approach will apply for audited organizations with a global score of  $\geq 75\%$ :

- IRIS requirements main clauses scoring individually  $\geq 80\%$ 
  - will not be audited during surveillance audits
  - will be dealt with only during the re-certification process (after 3 years)
- IRIS requirements main clauses scoring individually between 75% and 80%
  - will be partially audited with the purpose to improve the related processes and achieve 80% scoring.

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#### **5. Requirements to auditors (experiences/examination)**

- Auditors shall comply with ISO 19011
- Auditing Experience:  
Auditors shall have participated in at least 4 certification audits or for a minimum of 20 audit days covering all the requirements of ISO 9001 within the last 4 years.
- Work Experience:  
After the implementation phase, new IRIS auditors shall have a minimum of 3 years railway industry experience in the last 10 years.
- Railway Certification:  
Auditors shall have passed the IRIS training and examination.
- Communications skills  
Basic English & local language.

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- 6. Certification Body may only carry out audits in the areas of the particular railway equipment in which its Auditors are approved.**

**First level**

1 Car body	10 Passenger Information Systems
2 Car body fittings	11 Communication systems
3 Guidance (Bogies and running gear)	12 Cabling and Cabinets
4 Power System	13 Door System
5 Propulsion	14 HVAC
6 Auxiliary systems	15 Tilt System
7 Braking System	16 Lighting
8 Interiors	17 Coupler
9 On board vehicle control	

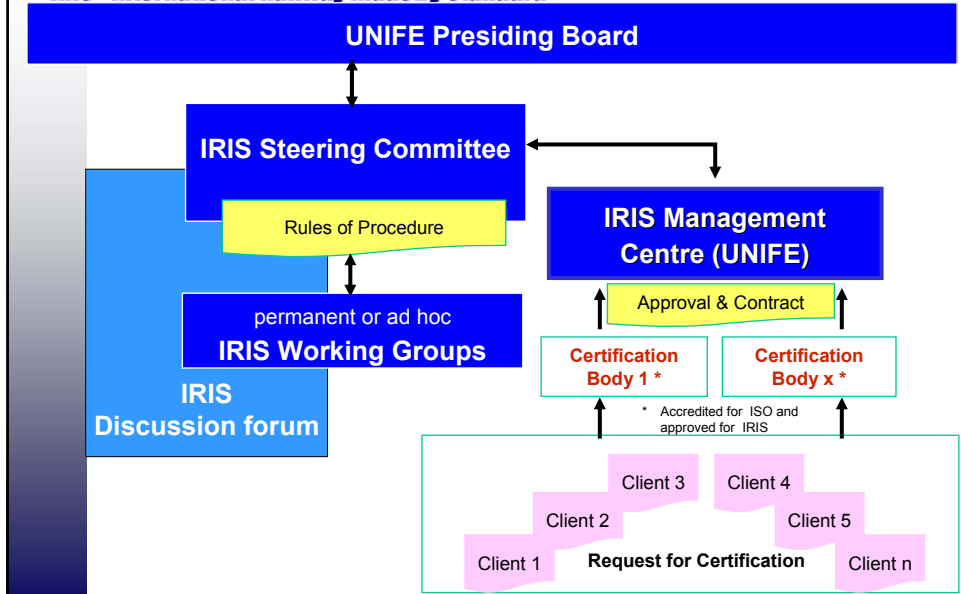
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**7. Availability / maintenance of information**

- ◆ IRIS web portal <http://www.iris-rail.org/>  
provides valuable information about, e.g.:
  - ◆ IRIS approved Certification Bodies
  - ◆ IRIS Certificates (list of companies, scope and validity)
  - ◆ Auditor performance (access restricted to CBs)
  - ◆ Audit results (reports, scores, corrective action plans, incl. status; access restricted)
  - ◆ supports sales/distribution of IRIS booklet and data transfer via XLM data export interface
- ◆ IRIS audit tool
  - ◆ contains the IRIS questionnaire and supports audit execution and reporting
  - ◆ Automatically transfers audit results into the web portal



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- Development and implementation of the IRIS System, including
  - ◆ International standard
  - ◆ Evaluation process with an audit and scoring methodology
  - ◆ Global database
- Admittance and removal of members
- Cooperation with other organization/associations
- Approval of certification bodies
- Setting up Working Groups
- Setting up and monitoring the IRIS Management Centre

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- Implementing and promoting of IRIS System
- Setting up, administrate and maintaining
  - ◆ IRIS website
  - ◆ IRIS database
  - ◆ IRIS audit software
- Contracting and monitoring certification bodies
- Organizing of IRIS information sessions and seminars
- Managing the day-to-day operation and activities:
  - ◆ Administrates the standard and training material
  - ◆ Administrates the IRIS database

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- ISO 9001 accreditation and IRIS approval consent to framework agreement:
  1. At least 25 certificates specific to the railway industry
  2. Global presence
  3. Capability and experience in the railway industry
  4. Availability of experienced auditors
- Mutual recognition of IRIS certificates between approved certification bodies  
(to enable issuing of corporate certificates for multi-site organizations)
- Acceptance of « witness audits »
- Execution of IRIS in-house training/examination by certification bodies

- One demanding International recognized Standard for the Railway Industry.
- Reduction of non conformity costs due to suppliers deficiencies
  - => IRIS will support the manufacturers and the suppliers in improving their process quality continuously.
- Increase the number of approved suppliers
  - => whilst stopping of audits performed by internal resources.

- Reduction of efforts in terms of time and expenses for approving suppliers
  - => Thus enhance focus on supplier performance and on specific product requirements.
- Reduction of costs for maintaining the “approved supplier lists” in ERP systems.
  - => They will become obsolete. In future, the data will be maintained on one common IRIS web database.
- Improvement of Quality of Equipments & Rolling Stock

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