QMI "The ISO 14001 Registration Process"

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About QMII

- QMI, a Division of CSA Group
 - established in 1984
 - independent, not for profit, private organization
 - **EMS accreditation from SCC and RAB**
 - SFM accreditation from SCC
 - registration services to 12
 national/international standards
 - over 525 EMS certificates issued

ISO 14001 Registrations

North America - 2,435

Canada - 792

United States - 1,409

Mexico - 234

Top NA Sectors - electrical, chemical, metal, machinery, construction

Source: Int'l Env. Systems Update - September 2001

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Registrar Accreditation
The Registration Process

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Registrar Accreditation

ACCREDITATION of REGISTRARS

Accreditation

Registration

Application for Registration

SCC/RAB REGISTRAR **ORGANIZATIONS**



STANDARDS COUNCIL of CANADA

- Federal Crown agency under Industry Canada
- responsible for administering Canada's involvement in ISO
- national mandate covering all aspects of conformity assessment
- 9 conformity assessment programs
- including accreditation of EMS Registrars

Accreditation of Registrars

Requirements

- → ISO/IEC Guide 66: "General Requirements for bodies operating assessment and certification/registration of environmental management systems"
- ◆ IAF Guidance on the Application of ISO/IEC Guide 66

Accreditation of Registrars

General Requirements

- → Internal: infrastructure, resources, decision making, service delivery
- → External: how audits are delivered (audit teams, audit process, etc.), definition of scope and site, services a Registrar or related body can/cannot provide, no conflict of interest

SCC Accredited Registrars

Accredited:

QMI Intertek

AQSR KPMG

SGS CGSB

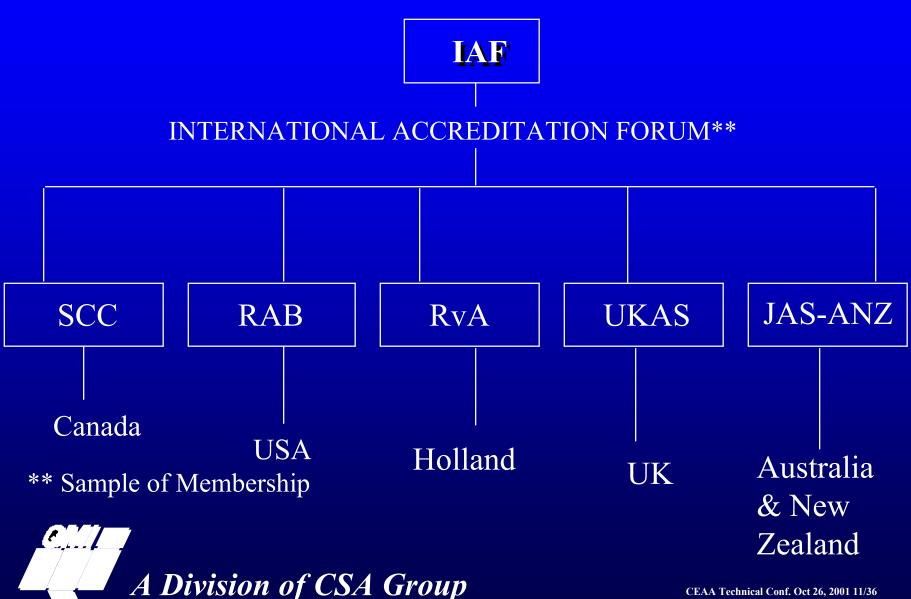
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Applied:

PWC IQSR

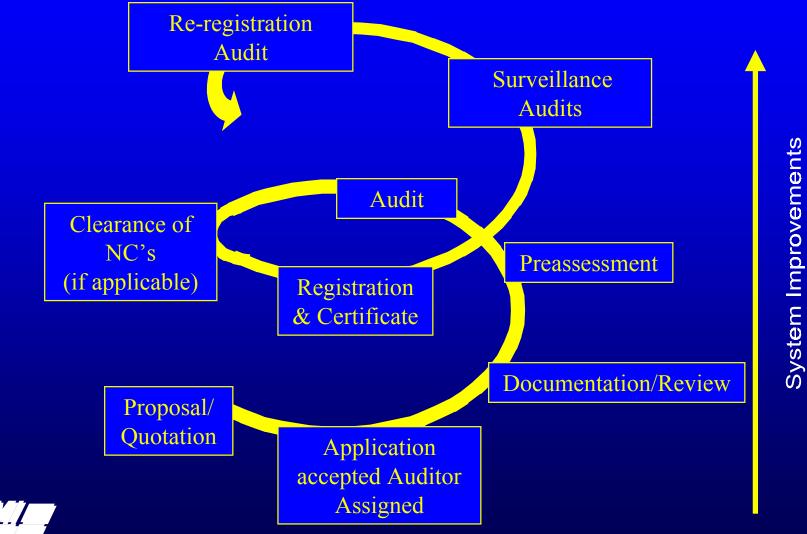


ENVIRONMENT



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The Registration Process



Commitment

- Organizations provide an RFP to Registrars
- Registrars conduct competency analysis and provide cost proposal
- Organizations interview Registrars
- Registrar is selected and signed application returned to Registrar
- Project Manager/Team Leader/Auditor assigned and communication initiated

Documentation Review

- Audit team compares documentation and procedures to requirements of ISO 14001
- Verifies documentation meets the standard
- Provides cross reference and audit planning tool for the audit team
- Revisions to documentation if necessary
- Next milestone confirmed

- Preliminary Assessment
 - + On-Site
 - Provides focus for planning the registration audit
 - Gain understanding of the EMS in context of significant environmental aspects
 - Assess your preparedness for the registration audit

- Registration Audit
 - Opening Meeting
 - → Sampling of 100% of your Environmental Management System (i.e. all elements of the standard covered)
 - Closing meeting
 - Major nonconformances
 - Minor nonconformances
 - Audit report and Certificate of Registration issued

Nonconformances-What are they?

"The absence of, or the failure to implement and maintain, one or more required management system elements, or a situation which would, on the basis of objective evidence, raise significant doubt as the the capability of the EMS to achieve the policy and objectives of the organization" - IAF Guidance to Guide 66

Nonconformances-What do they mean?

* Major - significant shortcoming that requires immediate attention.

Examples include:

- several minor nonconformances;
- absence or breakdown of a required element, or;
- procedure not available or not implemented.

Registration delayed until resolved.

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Nonconformances-What do they mean?

 Minor - an isolated event that requires attention.

Examples include:

- procedures or documentation require minor change;
- isolated case where procedures were not followed, or;
- some records were incomplete.

Registration can proceed with an acceptable corrective action plan.

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

QMI issues this certificate to: **Company Name Site Address** S Which has demonstrated that its Environmental Management System is in compliance with: 0 ISO 14001-96 The following scope of registration applies: The environmental management system as it applies to **Certificate Number** 000000 **Date of Original Registration Month 199? Date of Current Registration Month 199? Date Registration Expires Month 199?** 0 Acc. Logo **President**

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→ Surveillance Audit

- ◆ Semi-annual or annual option
- * Sampling of 50% of your environmental management system (i.e. 50% of the elements of the standard covered) in 50% of the time of the registration audit
- * Year one and two of the registration cycle
- ★ Re-registration audit in year three (3) after registration

Re-Registration Audit

- year three (3) after the initial registration
- covers all elements of the standard (repeat of the registration audit)
- may be reduced in scope based on organization's performance over past three years

The Auditors

- → EMS lead auditors and auditors must meet ISO 14012 criteria (soon to be 19011?)
- compliance vs. systems auditing
- industry & auditing experience
- focus on ISO 14001

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Common Barriers to Registration



The Barriers

- Lack of management commitment
- Costs/availability of resources
- Costs of implementation
- Economic realities

The Barriers (Cont'd)

- "ISO 9000-1994 Hangovers"
- "ISO 9000-2000 Anxiety"
- What are the benefits?
- Is it necessary?
- Will it add value

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Hot Topics and On the Horizon

ISO 14001 in Canada Hot Topics

- organizational consolidation
- large proposals / full service
- multiple sites
- multiple standards / integrated audits (EMS/QMS/OH&S)

ISO 14001 in Canada Hot Topics

- enforcement of accreditation requirements
- interpretations of 14001
- sampling plans

ISO 14001 in Canada Hot Topics

- auditor supply
- "super auditors"
- provision of auditing and consulting / "coaching"
- accreditation programs for market demand

ISO 14001 in Canada On the Horizon

- integrated systems and audits
- + ISO 19011
- revised 14001 and 14004
- providing value to organizations
- where does continual improvement come from?

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Concluding Thoughts



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- ◆ Canada provides a very solid ISO 14001 registration process SCC / Registrars / Auditors / Consultants / Organizations
- Canada's success with 14001 has been very good

Concluding Thoughts

- The future growth of 14001 will be in the standard's ability to deliver in the areas of:
- adding value to organizations
- improving environmental management
- meeting a broad range of expectations
- improving environmental performance

Thank you!

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