



BA 9000:2016

BA 9000:2016 was published on October 20, 2016 and adopts the revisions to ISO 9001:2015. In addition to the ISO 9001:2015 changes, there are some changes unique to the BA 9000 requirements. First, the organization has to conduct lot testing of bulk materials. This can be done by an ISO/IEC 17025-accredited laboratory, or if an unaccredited laboratory is used, the organization must validate the laboratory's performance for all tests completed on an annual basis through re-testing of material lots by an accredited laboratory. Also, organizations manufacturing soft armor panels need to complete water infiltration tests and construction inspections. Additionally, organizations need to maintain documented information for a product recall process. In the spirit of ISO 9001:2015, the breadth and depth of this process should be proportional to the risks involved. Finally, organizations need to maintain documented information relating to the stitches and seams it uses in the construction of its product. A copy of the BA 9000:2016 standard can be found at <https://www.justnet.org/pdf/2016-10-20-BA-9000.pdf>

Organizations will need to have successfully transitioned by September 14, 2018, which is the same deadline for the ISO 9001:2015 transition. In order to ensure timely transition for all clients, PJR is strongly encouraging the last transition audit to be completed during the latter part of 2017 or early part of 2018. This will allow sufficient time for corrective action implementation by your organization and technical review and certification decision/issuance activities by PJR.

We strongly encourage your organization to transition on your normal recertification audit. If your audit cycle and level of preparedness allow for this, then no time will be added to your transition audit. If you choose to transition on a surveillance audit, then we will be adding time similar to what we add for ISO 9001:2015 transition audits, which is typically 0.5 day.

Because the changes to BA 9000:2016 are rooted in ISO 9001:2015, PJR strongly encourages you to attend one of our free webinars on ISO 9001:2015, conducted by PJR expert, Mr. Joe Krolikowski.

Similar to other transitions, including ISO 9001:2015, organizations should be conducting a gap analysis of the new/revised requirements, making appropriate updates to their system, conducting a robust internal audit to the new requirements and conducting a management review after the audit activity.