

IRIS – QUALITY MANAGEMENT FOR THE RAILWAY INDUSTRY

BSI helps raise quality standards for the railway industry by providing assessment and certification services against IRIS

Overview

IRIS (International Railway Industry Standard) is the quality standard for the railway industry. Developed by UNIFE, the Independent Association of European Railway Industries, and supported by system integrators, equipment manufacturers and operators, IRIS is an internationally recognised standard for the evaluation

of railway industry management systems. Stakeholders can demonstrate compliance with this industry best practice via third-party certification from BSI Management Systems, one of the largest independent certification bodies in the world and an IRIS approved organization.

Who is it for?

IRIS is principally for any equipment or component suppliers to the European railway industry. It is particularly applicable if you are a supplier to the rolling stock and signalling sectors since IRIS certification becomes mandatory in 2009. In the future it is expected that other industry sectors, such as track, will also be affected.

BENEFITS OF CERTIFICATION

Provides a competitive edge

In a competitive market, differentiation is crucial and the IRIS certificate can give you a 'licence to trade'. When certified you will also be part of the UNIFE database, which is accessed by all major railway industry manufacturers.

Enhances brand and reputation

Certification demonstrates your commitment to deliver quality products and services to your customers.

Provides identification and recognition

IRIS certified companies are included in the UNIFE database which is used by buyers from major railway industry manufacturers through out the world.

Cost and time savings

You can save costs through reducing the number of internal and external audits by being certified to one best practice standard.

Supply chain management

IRIS certification can be used as a management tool through out the supply chain to enable collective best practice to be followed.

Continual improvement

The regular assessment process drives continual improvement of your organization's quality performance, potentially reducing variation of quality while increasing efficiency.

How can we help?

Assessment and Certification

BSI is an approved provider of IRIS certification having been assessed and approved by UNIFE. Our assessment capabilities are globally recognized for providing a value added service. Our auditors are qualified professionals with railway industry expertise. A BSI assessment provides independent verification of your IRIS management system while enabling you to benchmark your system against a proven standard. We can add further value by combining your IRIS and ISO 9001 assessments at the same time reducing disruption and cost.

Next steps

Contact us about your needs, and we can arrange the services that suit you best. There are a number of ways to move towards IRIS certification. If you want to know how close you are to certification we can conduct a pre-assessment to establish any gaps in your system prior to your certification audit.

For further and the latest information on BSI's IRIS services, visit: www.bsigroup.com/iris

Steps to IRIS certification

- STEP 1** Contact us for initial requirements discussion
- STEP 2** We provide a quotation
- STEP 3** We conduct system assessment and scoring using the IRIS Audit Tool
- STEP 4** We certify you and the details are added to the UNIFE database
- STEP 5** We conduct continual assessments

BSI SERVICES SUMMARY

- Information, guidance and advice
- Standards and publications
- Tailored customer events
- Training
- Management systems – gap analysis, second party audits, pre-assessment, initial assessment, certification, continual assessment
- Supply chain management & compliance
- Entropy Software™

IRIS to become mandatory

From the beginning of 2009 it will become mandatory for many suppliers to the railway industry to be certified to IRIS.

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The BSI certification mark can be used on your stationery, literature and vehicles when you have successfully achieved certification.



BSI is an approved Certification Body of the IRIS Group

