



QCS MANAGEMENT PVT LTD.

ACCREDITATION AND BUSINESS ASSESSMENT SERVICES

Accreditation is the mark of approval given to certifying and inspection bodies. It should be noted that QCS provides auditing and assessment services in voluntary areas. Therefore, Accreditation is a voluntary process and there is no requirement in law or government regulation for certification bodies to achieve accreditation. Auditing organizations do not come within the remit of accreditation. For certification by a certifying body to have increased effectiveness in some instances it is sometimes desirable that the body itself can demonstrate its competence. Accreditation is one way to do this. Accreditation is a voluntary activity and for auditing and assessment activities only, such as those provided by QCS, it is not a requirement.

Historically QCS Management Pvt Ltd, at incorporation, embarked upon a programme of activities that actually demonstrated compliance with international standards for the operation of bodies performing management systems assessment and certification. These standards were ISO 17021-1:2011 and are currently being superseded by what is known as ISO 17021-1:2015. Our operations were therefore structured at that time as well as now to fully meet the requirements of these international standards. Within the United Kingdom, there are two accreditation authorities dealing with certification bodies engaged in management system certification process such as ISO 9001. One is called the Accreditation Service for Certifying Bodies (Europe) ASCB(E), and the other is United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS). Both these are limited companies and both are profit generating.

QCS provides auditing services in voluntary areas on behalf of itself under ASCB(E) - UK accreditation regime.

QCS Management Pvt Ltd has no requirement to be accredited. Whilst accreditation is intended to provide a tertiary level of confidence regarding certification it is often the case that the focus of accreditation regimes is more procedural rather than pragmatic. The relevance of their activities is extremely slight and has little meaning to the 'man in the street'. Nonetheless QCS does recognise the influence of accreditation within the Quality Assurance fraternity and for this reason its policy is to treat both UKAS and ASCB(E) accreditation regimes as technically outstanding without any prejudice or bias even though there is no formal agreement of mutual recognitions between these two accreditation boards based in UK. Benefits of accreditation are the wider recognition and acceptance of certificates issued by certification bodies. However by their nature, accreditation authorities, in the maintenance of standards, tend to cause some restriction in the way that certification bodies may conduct themselves. Management standards generally specify that systems shall be influenced by the needs of the assessed firm and the processes employed. This means that for low-tech companies simple systems can be employed which do not compromise profitability but which do provide assurance at the desired quality level. The subsequent level of Certifying Body surveillance control can be appropriately set to a level commensurate to the risks involved. Accreditation regimes can sometimes override this principle but the ASCB(E) approach imposes less of an administrative, and therefore financial burden, upon certifying bodies. The consequential cost benefits to firms wishing to become assessed are therefore significant.

Clients are further advised that comment on accreditation may be obtained from the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) or Accreditation Service for Certifying Bodies (Europe) Ltd. (ASCB(E)).

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