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**INTRODUCTION**

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# Regarding variations in the completion of IECEx QAR summary

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# Completed example of a QAR Summary

## IECEX Quality Assessment Report: AU/ITA/QAR14.0001/00 details

QAR :	
QAR Reference Number *: (automatic numbering)	AU/ITA/QAR14.0001/00
Related QARs:	=
Status*:	<input type="radio"/> Draft <input checked="" type="radio"/> Issued
QAR Free Reference Number*:	<input type="text" value="Audit 14-0001-00"/>
Audit Date*: (yyyy-mm-dd)	<input type="text" value="2014-01-01"/>
Date of Issue*: (yyyy-mm-dd)	<input type="text" value="2014-07-22"/> 
Valid until*: (yyyy-mm-dd)	<input type="text" value="2017-01-01"/>

# Audit Date: ?

Audit Date\*:  
(yyyy-mm-dd)


2014-01-01

Date of Issue\*:

2014-07-22

- According to IECEx OD 011-2, this must be the date on which the audit was completed

## Date of issue:

(yyyy-mm-dd)	
Date of Issue*: (yyyy-mm-dd)	2014-07-22 
Valid until*: .. ..	2017-01-01

- According to IECEx OD 011-2, this is mentioned not as the Date of Issue, but the 'Date of Original Issue' of the QAR number. 'This date should not be changed for any subsequent New Issue'
- It shall not be the date for issue of the current audit report, if it is a surveillance audit
- If we want this date to be the 'Date of Issue' for the current QAR (whether initial or surveillance), then IECEx OD 011-2 must be modified
- Vote to be taken?

## Valid until: ?

Valid until*: (yyyy-mm-dd)	2017-01-01
Site(s) audited*:	Site address

- Document IECEx OD 011-2 mentions that the expiry date of the QAR shall be entered. What should this be?
- Document IECEx 02 Rules mentions that QAR has a limited duration of 3 years.
- Document IECEx 02 Rules mentions that surveillance audits to be conducted in 18 months (12 months if non ISO 9001 certified site)
- Hence, I find that the QAR expiry date is set anywhere between 12 months to 3 years
- Vote to be taken?

## Valid until: ? – further discussions – surveillance and re-assessment audits

- Document IECEx OD 011-1 mentions that the next audit (after the initial audit) will be a surveillance audit but does not mention re-assessment audit
- Document OD 009 for procedures to issue certification mentions initial audit and surveillance audits but does not mention re-assessment audit of manufacturers
- Document OD 0011-1 that provides detailed information on complete this QAR Summary mentions initial audit and surveillance audits
- Document OD 025 is the only document that mentions that there will be a re-assessment audit every 3 years.
- I suggest that we mention re-assessments and surveillance in all the documents with a clear indication that the audit cycle is initial – surveillance – re-assessment – surveillance - ..
- Vote to be taken?

# Type of Audit conducted field?

- Would you like another field to be added, stating the type of audit conducted? Choices would be 'Initial', 'Surveillance', 'Re-assessment'?
- Vote to be taken
- Would you like another field to be added, stating whether Site has a valid ISO 9001 system certification?
- Vote to be taken