

Annex to Confirmation Regulation

TÜV AUSTRIA Group – Business Assurance



Confirmation Regulation for Social Responsibility

Guidance:

ISO 26000:2010

Accreditation Standard:

N/A

**IAF Resolution
2010–10 –
(Agenda Item 7)**

The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that there **will not be** any accredited certification to ISO 26000 (publication date 1 November 2010). ISO 26000 explicitly states that it is not intended or appropriate for certification, and any certification would be a misuse of the standard.

TÜV AUSTRIA does not provide certification to ISO 26000. After the successful completion of the evaluation, a confirmation is issued, confirming that the organization applies the international guidance ISO 26000:2010 as the framework to integrate corporate social responsibility into the values and practices.

**Confirmation
Cycle:**

The confirmation is valid for three (3) years. To maintain the validity of the confirmation, an annual evaluation shall be carried out. Before the expiration date of the confirmation, a reconfirmation evaluation is conducted in order to renew the validity of the confirmation for the next three-year cycle.

Evaluation planning and time table. The annual evaluation process has to be completed with due date the date of the confirmation decision after the Initial Confirmation evaluation. Correspondingly the re-confirmation audit process has to be completed within the same time frame. Example:

Initial Confirmation Decision	1 st Evaluation	2 nd Evaluation	Re-confirmation evaluation
15/7/2023	15/7/2024	15/7/2025	15/7/2026

In case of exceeding time limits confirmation is suspended for six months and after this period finally withdrawn.

**Audit Evaluation
Criteria /
Characterization
of Non
Conformities:**

1: Full Compliance

2: Observation, the effectiveness of the corrective action is evaluated during the next evaluation

OFI: Opportunities for Improvement: No further action is required by the client

3: Minor Non-Conformity(-ies): reviewed and accepted the client's plan for correction and corrective action

4: Major Non-Conformity(-ies): Correction through submission of Documents or Re-audit

**Time allowed to
close Non
Conformities:**

Confirmation Evaluation: 2 months after the completion of the evaluation.

1st Evaluation: 2 months after the date of the evaluation or no later than the due date of the Confirmation Decision

2nd Evaluation: 2 months after the date of the evaluation or no later than the due date of the Confirmation Decision

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Contractual Duration:

The duration of the service and the contractual obligation comes into force upon signature by both parties (TÜV AUSTRIA and Client Organization) and is valid for (3) three years of the relevant offer in cases of initial confirmation or re - confirmation.

In the case of transition to a new version of the guidance, the duration of contractual obligation is valid until the confirmation expiry date mentioned on the relative paragraph of the guidance.