

CERTIND POLICY ON TRANSITION FROM ISO 37001:2016 TO ISO 37001:2025 REQUIREMENTS

In February 2025, the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) published the standard **ISO 37001:2025 – Anti-bribery management systems – Requirements with guidance for use**.

According to the mandatory IAF (International Accreditation Forum) document IAF MD 30:2025, Issue 1 – Transition requirements for ISO 37001:2025, the **transition period is 24 months from the date of publication, i.e. until 28 February 2027**.

Thus, organizations certified according to **ISO 37001:2016** have **a period of two years to complete the transition to ISO 37001:2025**. After two years from the last day of the month of publication, certifications issued according to ISO 37001:2016 will become invalid.

Until 28.02.2026, CERTIND will continue to perform certifications, surveillance audits, and recertifications for anti-bribery management systems in accordance with ISO 37001:2016. The transition to ISO 37001:2025 will be carried out during the current certification cycle, **after obtaining accreditation from the accreditation body, with the deadline for completing the transition being 28.02.2027**.

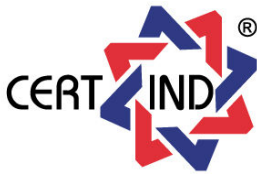
CERTIND will conduct audits only in accordance with the requirements of ISO 37001:2025 starting from:

- **31.08.2026** for initial certifications and recertifications;
- **31.10.2026** for surveillance audits.

Transition arrangements

The assessment of the transition to the new standard may be carried out, by mutual agreement with the certified organization, in one of the following ways:

1. **During scheduled surveillance or recertification audits**, in which case the **audit time will be increased** to assess how the organization has implemented the changes introduced by ISO 37001:2025. The additional audit time will be determined individually for each organization, depending on the changes resulting from the transition, and will be communicated to the client prior to the scheduled surveillance or recertification audit.
2. Through **a special audit conducted at the request of the certified organization**, based on an addendum to the certification contract.



In both cases, the decision to grant certification in accordance with ISO 37001:2025 will be made only after the actions taken to address identified major nonconformities have been analysed, accepted, and verified, and after the client's corrective action plan for identified minor nonconformities has been accepted.

Following assessments that confirm completion of the transition to ISO 37001:2025, CERTIND will issue a new certificate of conformity.

If the transition is carried out during surveillance audits, the expiration date of the current certification cycle will be maintained.

If the transition is carried out at recertification, the certifications will be valid for a period of three years from the date of issuance.

CERTIND encourages organizations that have implemented an anti-bribery management system in accordance with ISO 37001:2016 to familiarize themselves with the requirements of the 2025 version of the standard and to initiate the transition process. Organizations that intend to implement an anti-bribery management system in the near future are encouraged to use ISO 37001:2025 as the reference document.

For any information regarding the transition process presented in this policy, please contact us at office@certind.ro.

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