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Transition to SCC-VAZ 2021 A

The “Verband akkreditierter Zertifizierungsgesellschaften” e.V. (VAZ e.V.) has been the new scheme owner of the German SCC regulations since September 2021.

With the adoption of the German SCC regulations, the previous SCC version 2011 was replaced by SCC-VAZ 2021 in Germany and Austria. As a result of the transition, new deadlines for management system certifications and a change in the validity of personal certificates must be observed.

Recognition of the transition to the new SCC-VAZ 2021 A regulations by the Austrian accreditation body “Akkreditierung Austria” has now been finalized.

TÜV AUSTRIA GMBH is authorized to issue SHE personnel certificates and SCC management system certificates according to the new SCC-VAZ 2021 A regulations with effect from 13.05.2024.

Remarks for SHE personnel certification:

The new SCC-VAZ 2021 regulations do not differ in content from the SCC 2011 regulations, but the duration of the personal certificates has been shortened to 5 years.

The shortening of the duration has already been in force since 01.05.2023. The SCC sector committee of the Austrian scheme owner FVMI introduced the shortening of the duration for all certification bodies a year ago in order to facilitate the upcoming transition to the new regulations.

In addition, transitional regulations have since applied to all certificates that were still issued in accordance with the old SCC regulations 2011:

- ✓ From 1.5.2023, SHE personal certificates must be issued with a maximum term of 5 years. The last possible validity date of these certificates is 30.4.2028.
- ✓ SHE personal certificates issued after 1.5.2022 with a term of 10 years can be reissued with a term of 5 years on request.
- ✓ All SHE personal certificates issued after SCC 2011 will become invalid on May 1, 2028 at the latest.

These certificates will therefore remain valid both in Austria and abroad, as the underlying regulations are considered equivalent.

Further information can be found here:

<https://vaz-ev.de/index.php/zertifizierungsprogramme/scc/mitteilungen>

Remarks for management system certification:

The **transition of an SCC/SCP management system certification** is carried out as part of a regular audit (monitoring audit or repeat audit) or in a separate transition audit lasting 2 hours.

As part of the audit, it is checked whether the certified companies have adapted their own processes and documents to the requirements of SCC-VAZ 2021 A.

This mainly concerns the changed validity of the personal certificates from 10 to 5 years according to doc. 017 and 018, which prove the training and testing of Operational Employees and Operational Managers, as well as the documents and planning for training courses to be adapted accordingly.

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