## Dependability - moving ahead in the market

# TÜV NORD CERT – IRIS Certification for the rail sector



Iransport markets are changing: privatisation, internationalisation and harmonisation of technical and legal aspects mean more stringent requirements as to reliability and lifetime.

TÜV NORD CERT offers organisations within the rail sector the chance to position themselves on the market as modern and reliable partners with certification to the International Railway Industry Standard (IRIS) – the management system standard specific to the rail sector.



## Target groups for certification

IRIS can be used in the entire global rail sector for companies who focus on production, development, project management, maintenance and repair of railway vehicles and their components, including signalling. The standard was drafted under the auspices of UNIFE (Union des Industries Ferroviaires Européennes) and is supported by the four largest system manufacturers (Bombardier, Siemens, Alstom und Ansaldo-Breda). It is now part of procurement specifications in many organisations. All certified organisations are listed in the IRIS database, which can be accessed by all those involved in the market.

#### Benefits of certification

Certification according to IRIS offers numerous benefits for enhancing market position and internal quality management:

- IRIS certification is widely recognised as a prerequisite for supplier approval in the railway industry.
- Quality standards within the organisation and the entire supply chain are improved.
- The IRIS database increases the transparency of supplier information.
- The number of system audits by customers can be reduced.
- TÜV NORD CERT makes it possible to save time and costs through combined certifications for example ISO 9001 and IRIS.



#### Prerequisites for certification

The certification procedure according to IRIS is based on the requirements of the ISO 9001 standard for quality management systems, with specific requirements for the rail sector added. A scoring procedure is used which provides the audited organisation with a differentiated assessment of its management systems in order to be able to specifically recognise potentials for improvement.

#### Our know-how for your success

TÜV NORD CERT is a well-established and reliable partner for inspection and certification services. Our experts and auditors have extensive knowledge based on experience and are generally permanently employed by TÜV NORD. This guarantees independence and neutrality, and also means we can offer continuity in supporting our clients. The benefit to you is clear: our auditors accompany and support the development of your company and provide you with objective feedback.

#### The route to the certificate

Offer from TÜV NORD CERT based on the information provided

#### Certification order

Stage 1 audit: Establishment of readiness for certification Assessment of readiness on site, audit planning

Stage 2 audit: Certification audit

Release of certification process

Issue of certificate, valid for 3 years, inclusion in the IRIS database, annual surveillance audits

## Are you interested? Please send us your response by fax. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

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Yes, I am interested in IRIS certification for the
rail sector. Please contact me.

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