

Technical Bulletin – Business Continuity Management Systems - Publication of ISO 22301:2019



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ISO 22301:2019 Security and resilience - Business continuity management systems - Requirements, was published on 30th October 2019. This replaces the current version of the standard, ISO 22301:2012.

This Technical Bulletin provides an update regarding the transition planning and process for the new standard.

At its General Assembly meeting in October 2019, the IAF published a resolution regarding ISO 22301: -

IAF Resolution 2019-17 – Transitional Arrangements for ISO 22301:2019

The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that the transitional arrangement for the revision of ISO 22301 *Societal security – Business continuity management systems – Requirements* be three years from the last day of the month of publication of the revised standard.

All ISO 22301:2012 certifications shall expire or be withdrawn at the end of the transition period. Within this transition timeline:

- ABs shall be ready to carry out transition assessments for ISO 22301:2019 within six months from the last day of the month of publication of the revised standard.
- CABs shall complete the transition with ABs for ISO 22301:2019 within 18 months from the last day of the month of publication of the revised standard.
- CABs shall cease conducting initial and recertification audits to ISO 22301:2012 18 months from the last day of the month of publication of the revised standard.

UKAS is currently finalising a transition programme that will be in line with the above resolution. Feedback from experts involved in the revision of the standard have indicated that the changes are not major and therefore, subject to confirmation, the expectation is that the process for this transition should be relatively straightforward.

Detailed information on the transition process will be issued shortly to Certification Bodies holding accreditation for BCM.

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