

IMQ is an authorized body to perform IRIS audits and to issue IRIS certificates.

IRIS is a globally recognized standard unique to the railway industry for the evaluation of management systems.

It is an initiative led by the Association of European Railway Industry (UNIFE), supported by system integrators and equipment manufacturers.

About IMQ



The IMQ group is Italy's leading organisation in conformity assessment (certifications, tests, verifications and inspections).

With the synergies of its companies, its prestige gained from more than 50 years of experience and a complete range of services, the IMQ Group is the partner of choice for companies who are committed to safety and quality.

The IMQ group operates in numerous

sectors, from the electro-technical and electronics industries to telecommunications, the automotive industry, the gas sector, plant engineering, construction products and the food and agricultural industry. The IMQ group can provide general or targeted services for each product category, based on needs, including product certification, certification for EC directives, company management system certification, inspections of systems and property, laboratory tests, international type tests, assistance with exports, surveillance of manufacturing abroad, as well as assistance with technical formalities and training.

The comprehensive range of services is delivered through the expertise gained in numerous product categories from IMQ group companies:

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The IMQ Group also has a holding in Istituto Giordano S.p.A., in CISQCERT S.p.A. and in Icube S.A. (Argentina).

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IRIS CERTIFICATION

INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY INDUSTRY STANDARD



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The global system for supplier evaluation and approval specific to the Railway industry



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Purpose

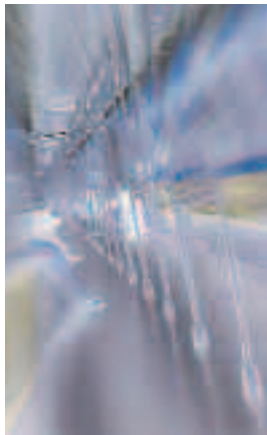


UNIFE has developed IRIS, an internationally recognized standard that encompasses the actual evaluation process as well as an audit and scoring methodology. It is modelled on similar quality standards already in place in the aerospace, automotive and food industries.

Target

Rail industry manufacturers, system integrators and suppliers.

Certification



IRIS certification is based on the ISO 9001 structure and adds railways specific requirements for the business management system, (e.g. regarding Project Management, Design, etc.). To ensure independency, equipment manufacturers will be able to apply for the IRIS certificate through the certification body chosen from those authorized by UNIFE.

Benefits



The successful implementation of IRIS creates a win-win situation for system integrators as well as for equipment manufacturers. Both partners will benefit from the certification in several ways:

- **Improved Quality**

Quality will increase across the entire supply chain. Transparent requirements, applicable to and accepted by all parties, will become an integrated part of the quality management in place in the certified companies. Furthermore, it will prove beneficial to certify the increasing number of industry suppliers based on rail-specific criteria and thus create a broad base for the desired quality standard across the industry.

- **Reduction of effort and cost**

Once a company passes evaluation, the certificate is recognized by all manufacturers. Plus only one evaluation is required as the ISO 9001 standard is simply combined with rail-specific criteria.

- **Supply chain performance improvement**

Improvement of product quality and supply chain efficiency coupled with lower process costs.

- **Visibility of global supplier market**

Specific and meaningful data about railway equipment manufacturers is accessible to target interest groups.

Why IMQ



IMQ is Italy's leading organisation in conformity assessments (certification, tests, verifications and inspections). IMQ has issued more than 16,000 company's management system certifications and delivered 120,000 product certifications worldwide.

IMQ provides wide-ranging specific targeted services in an international context.

IMQ has been active in management system certification since 1988, through the CSQ scheme.

IMQ issues certifications in compliance with main international standards (e.g. ISO 9001, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001) as well as with sectorial standards, like automotive (TS 16949), food (ISO 22000, HACCP) and medical (ISO 13485). The CSQ system benefits from the experience of its inspectors with specific professional skills in railway sector.