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Are You Familiar With CMMC?

Did you know that PJR is a provisionally-recognized third party CB for CMMC?



CMMC (Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification) is a new framework released in January of 2020 that covers a range of cybersecurity hygiene levels for prospective or current United States Department of Defense contractors/ subcontractors. Integrating elements of multiple cybersecurity control standards (including NIST SP 800-171, ISO 27001, etc.), CMMC measures the maturity of a private contractor's cybersecurity controls and processes in order to better protect the US defense supply chain from interference or sabotage.

Created following the publication of the Defense Acquisition Federal Regulation Supplement (DFARS) in 2015, CMMC contains five levels of maturity. These range from basic (implementing 17 practices from the CMMC framework) to highly advanced (implementing 171 practices).

To learn more about CMMC and the latest updates regarding the certification process, join PJR and a panel of industry experts for an exclusive webinar with panel discussion and live Q&A on October 15th at 11:00am EST www.pjr.com/webinar or contact us at (248) 358-3388 or via email at pjr@pjr.com. ◆

R2v3 Published

s of July 1, 2020, the final version (as well as the REC) of the R2v3 standard was published. The revised versions of the Code of Practices and the R2 Guidance document will also be released, however a specific date has not been announced. Transition information released by SERI will be staggering transitions in order to allow facilities a minimum of one year to transition – and to prevent overloading certification bodies with too many simultaneous facility transitions. PJR is actively pursuing accreditation to the new version, which is required for CBs to issue accredited certificates; we will continue to update clients via our website and webinars on the status of this accreditation.

For those who must transition, the final deadline for transition is July 1, 2023. New client facilities pursuing certification for the first time will have until January 1, 2021 to complete registration; after this date, all new certifications must be to R2v3. Existing R2:2013-certified clients have had their transition timelines staggered, as mentioned previously, based upon the timing of their certificate expiration as outlined below:

• Clients will be able to recertify to R2:2013 *if* their cert expires on/before December 31, 2021.

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ISO 37001

Did you know that PJR is one of just a few North American certification bodies to offer ISO 37001 audits and certification? Highly popular in Asia and Europe, ISO 37001 is a comprehensive anti-bribery management system (ABMS) standard



intended to help companies demonstrate their commitment to business ethics and fairness in their dealings. The main focus of the standard lies in the effective implementation of a number of internal controls, including transparent hiring processes, promotion of anti-bribery awareness, controls on outside associates, and effective controls for responding to incidents of bribery.

With possible full integration to preexisting implemented management systems, such as ISO 9001, the ABMS standard can be used in conjunction with systems relating to quality, environment, and safety. ISO 37001 has even reached the governmental level; Singapore and Peru have adopted the standard for their government antibribery management systems, and the standard has also formed the basis for an official anti-bribery standard published by the city of Shenzhen, China.

To learn more about ISO 37001 ABMS certification and how it may benefit your business, reach out to PJR today! Call (248) 358-3388 or email pjr@pjr.com.

Meet Your New PJR Team Members!

Perry Johnson Registrars keeps growing! With the addition of new standards and scopes of registration, our world headquarters team continues to grow! Our goal is to continue to provide value-added auditing and outstanding customer service to all our clients!



Rachele Pfund Environmental Specialist



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Emily Sun Qualifications Coordinator



Emily Reeves Certificate Coordinator



Alexis Harvey Audit Program Coordinator



Alexandra Stowers Administrative Assistant



Bree Black Master Files Associate



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Client Spotlight: Synergeering Group

Synergeering Group is at the cutting edge of an industry known as Rapid Prototyping. Using state-of-the-art materials and 3D printing technology, Synergeering produces prototype parts ranging in size from 0.8mm in thickness up through one-piece parts that are 28" x 15" x 23". Parts beyond that size can be easily built in sections and fused together, effectively meaning there is no limit to the scope of what Synergeering can provide!

Synergeering prototypes have been used by countless automotive OEMs as well as in the aerospace industry. As such, it was a logical step for them to seek AS9100 certification with PJR. "What we hope to do with the AS9100 certification is to pick up the vendor codes needed to bring on new business in the aerospace industry," said Gogoe. "The AS9100 was, I believe, an extension of what we were already doing [...] there's just more organization, more goalsetting. I think it will help us track our two biggest assets – market share and product quality."



After making the decision to pursue certification with PJR, Synergeering completed the entire process – from Pre-Assessment to Stage 2 audit – in approximately 6 months. "Our auditor from PJR really made things seamless," said Synergeering General Manager Dan Poinsett. "They identified a lot of areas for improvement [...] and really made it as painless as the process could possibly be."

Asked what he would say to someone considering certification with PJR, Gogoe's response was quick and decisive. "Stop considering anyone else," he deadpanned. "They bent over backwards for us and were always available." With their eyes on the future, both Gogoe and Poinsett see a great deal of potential with the added assistance of AS9100 and the PJR team.

For more information on AS9100 certification or to learn more about PJR's other available programs, visit www.pjr.com or call (248) 358-3388. To see more background on Synergeering Group and their journey to achieve AS9100 certification, check out our video interviews with President Tom Gogoe & General Manager Dan Ponsett!

e-Stewards Transition Update

re you ready for e-Stewards V4.0? The extended December 31, 2020 cutoff date for audits to V3.1 of the standard is fast approaching; make sure your audit is scheduled! After December 31 of this year, e-Stewards clients will have a full year - until August 24, 2021 – to successfully transition to the new version of the standard before their certificate is withdrawn.

PJR is ready to help ensure a smooth transition for all clients; make sure you've checked out the e-Stewards V4.0 webinar hosted by EHS Program Assistant Manager, Austin Matthews, and reach out to your scheduler if you have not already done so. Should you be interested in pursuing e-Stewards certification for your organization, contact us to request a quote at (248) 358-3388 or www.pjr.com.

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- Their new R2:2013 certificate will have an expiry of 3 years or July 1, 2023 – whichever comes first.
- Clients will be required to upgrade to R2v3 at their next recertification audit (or sooner, if preferred) if their certificate expires on/after January 1, 2022.

If you have any questions about your existing R2 certificate's transition or have an interest in pursuing R2 certification, contact PJR today!

Cannabis Certification – More Options Than Just Agriculture!

hile most commonly adopting agriculture and cultivation standards, there are more options for cannabis-industry organizations than most realize! ISO 9001:2015 is backed up by years of application in a multitude of different industries globally, and with a myriad of other standards easily integrated into the QMS structure, further certifications can be easily added to compliment any business plan. A name well-known in business globally, ISO 9001 certification can bring extra reputability and trust from potential customers.

More specific to the food production elements of the constantly-growing cannabis industry, ISO 22001 certification can be a great option for bringing High-Level ISO Structure to food safety management. Specific elements of the standard include risk management, emphasis on leadership/management commitment, the PDCA (Plan-Do-Check-Act) Cycle, and relaxed requirements for food safety manuals. While not GFSI-recognized, ISO 22001 is an excellent way to introduce the structure of ISO to operations producing goods such as cannabis edibles or similar.



To learn more about non-agricultural certification options for cannabis industry companies, contact PJR by calling (248) 358-3388 or by emailing pjr@pjr.com!

FREE Training! Exclusively From PJR!

PJR continues to expand their webinar topics to include: "ISO 45001 Overview" to "ISO 13485: 2016 Overview"! Check out PJR's current webinar schedule at www.pjr.com. Registration is easy. ◆

Upcoming Webinars:

Tuesday, October 13 Foundations for Planning Your ISMS

Thursday, October 15

Understanding the Foundation of CMMC: How to Prepare & the Impact on Your Business e-Stewards V.3 Overview

More dates can be found on our website at: www.pjr.com



Attention PJR Clients -

Several certified customers of PJR have lately contacted headquarters after receiving guidance that seemed to conflict with the PJR PRO-3. To clarify, clause 5.4 of PRO-3 states that copies of certificates requested by clients must be easily identified as a reproduction (e.g. black-and-white reproduction stamped with "COPY"); clause 6.2(d) further prohibits the creation of color copies of the certificates.

If you require further explanation or have any questions regarding the rules of certificate reproduction, please contact your Project Manager or send an inquiry to pjr@pjr.com. The latest revision of the PRO-3 is available for download through our registration document download feature on our website at www.pjr.com/registrationdocument-download.

