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# Harmonisation Act 2 to Handbook 4.0

### Subject:

Term for drawing up and submitting a plan for corrective actions in the event of minor nonconformities

### Context:

Section 10.2 of Handbook 4.0 and Section 3.5.2 of the Certification Regulation accompanying Handbook 4.0 state that if minor nonconformities are identified during the external audit, the organisation has until the next audit (approximately one year) to draw up and implement a plan for corrective actions. It is more effective (because the CB can still assess the plan) and more common (e.g. based on ISO 17021-1) to draw up the plan for corrective action earlier and submit it to the CB.

### Harmonisation Act:

Organisations must draw up a plan for corrective actions within three months of a minor nonconformity being identified and submit it to the CB. The deadline for implementing the plan remains unchanged (before the next audit), which means that the minor nonconformity does not have to be resolved within three months.

### Date of publication of the Harmonisation Act:

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### Transition period:

n/a