



Avoid Counterfeits Coalition

Hazardous Substance Safe Coalition



Avoid Counterfeits & Hazardous Substance Safe (AC-HSS, LLC)

Current Member Countries:
USA, China, Australia

Countries Considering Membership:
Singapore, Hong Kong

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WHAT IS AC-HSS?

- Brief Overview:

- A not for profit organization created to develop and administer a creditable worldwide Counterfeit Mitigation and Hazardous Substance Safe certification and reporting system
- A broad range of industries coming together to develop and manage accreditation, certification, assessor standards and reporting system for worldwide use
- Based on industry specific Counterfeit Detection/Mitigation and Hazardous Substance Safe requirements built on top of ISO 9001 / ISO 13485 / TL 9000 / TS 16949, AS 9100 and AS 9120
- Auditors use a secure AC-HSS Coalition online software application for managing the audit process, report their findings and results and issuing certificates
- Provides a website that allows buyers to download (if authorized) their suppliers' AC-HSS audit reports and online certificates
- Provide added value for companies/organizations that achieve certification through marketing and publicity programs developed to promote their accomplishments



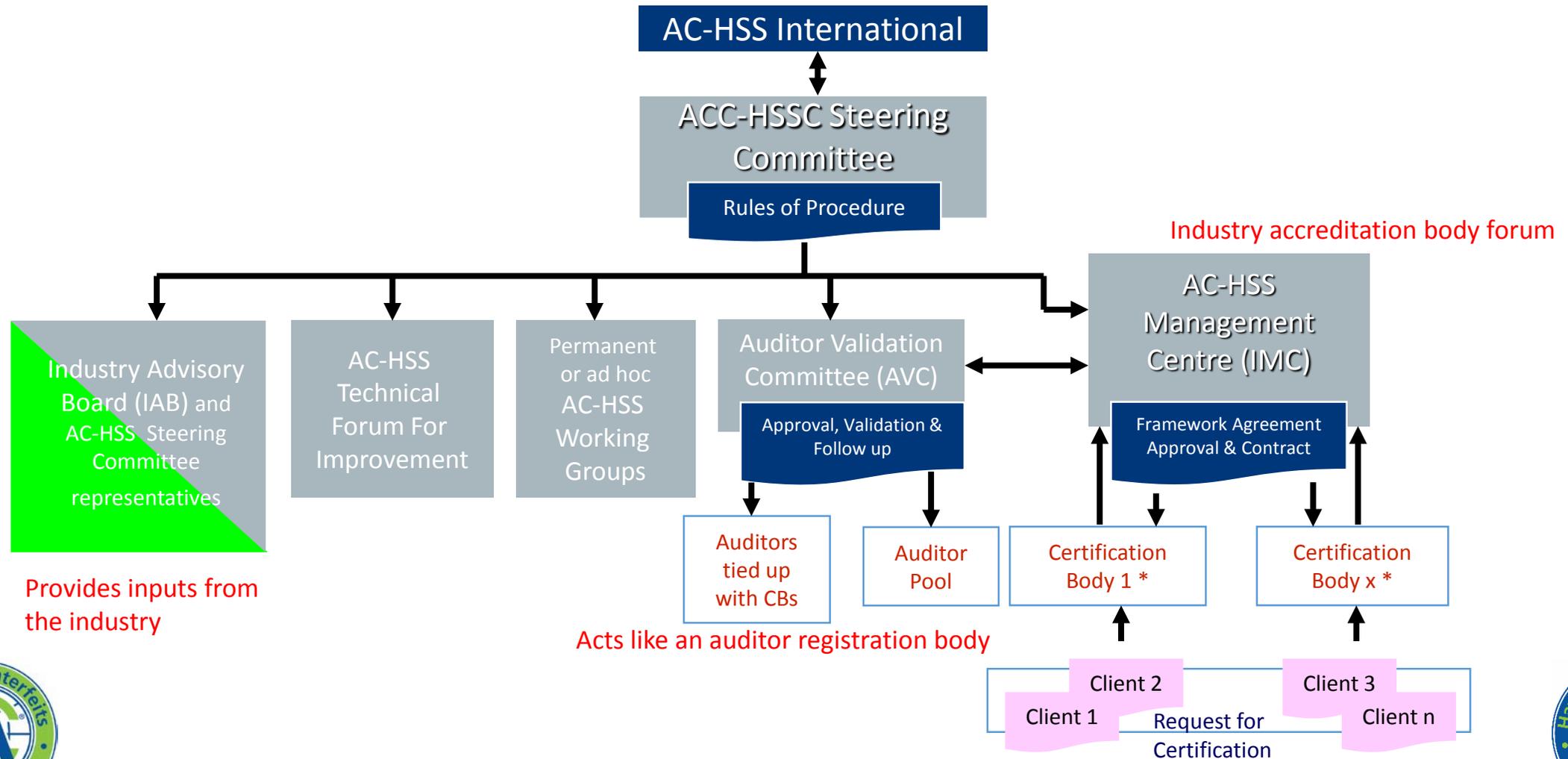
Standards

- AC-HSS Standards
 - Based on current industry specific quality management system standards ISO 9001 / ISO 13485 / TL 9000 / TS 16949, AS 9100 and AS 9120,
 - International industry specific technical standards; AS 5553, AS 6081, AS 6174

AC-HSS Counterfeit Detection/Mitigation and Hazardous Substance Safe technical requirements and assessment criteria are built on top of industry specific quality and regulatory management requirements



Accreditation / Certification System



Certification

General:

- AC-HSS certificate is valid for maximum three years
- The date of the 1st surveillance audit shall not be more 12 months from the last day of the certification audit
- The date of the 2nd surveillance audit shall not be more than 24 months from the last day of the certification audit
- Companies will be re-certified every three years



Certification

MULTIPLE SITES (1)

- AC-HSS certification process uses a single-site certification approach
 - The multi-site certification approach used in ISO 9001 / ISO 13485 / TL 9000 / TS 16949 / AS 9100 and AS 9120 do not apply
- The main production site is to be treated as the certified site
- There are also the concepts of **Remote Site** and **Site Extension** in AC-HSS
 - Refer to the next page for details.
- After certification of all sites of a multi-site corporation the IMC can issue a letter of compliance on request.



	Scenario	Allowed in AC-HSS?
Multi-site	Site A is making and selling product X. Site B is making and selling product Y.	Not allowed in AC-HSS. Each site needs to be in its own certificate.
Remote site	Site A is making product X. Site B is supporting function such as Sales, Design, Purchasing, Warehouse, etc.	Allowed in AC-HSS. Site A is the main certifying site. Site B will be cited as Remote Site and is listed in p.2 of the certificate.
Site extension	Site B is making product X and provide to Site A (and not selling separately). Site A is making product Y, but use product X as one of the parts.	Allowed in AC-HSS. Site B is the main certifying site. Site A will be cited as Site Extension and is listed in p.2 of the certificate.



Audit Man-Day

- Audit MD is calculated by a designated Excel spreadsheet provided by AC-HSS Information Management Center
- MD obtained from the spreadsheet are “minimum” required
 - Usually need to be rounded to the higher half-day
 - Additional MD such as travel time, translation, project management, etc are not included
- MD may be reduced if client’s existing ISO 9001 / ISO 13485 / TL 9000 / TS 16949 / AS 9100 / AS 9120 is also certified by the same CB



Marketing

- Website and Social Media marketing in multiple languages
- Open online access to:
 - Worldwide AC-HSS Coalition membership roster
 - Company certificates worldwide
- Restricted On-line certification assessment information system
- International AC & HSS trends and analysis reporting



Benefits – Standards & Assessors

- Standardized approach for all industries sectors
 - 3rd Party Accreditation System
 - 3rd Party Certification System
 - 3rd Party Assessor Qualification System
- Auditor Qualifications
 - Each auditor, according to their previous working and audit experience in the related industry, will be qualified for one or more AC-HSS Industry Scope(s) by the AC-HSS Coalition Management System
 - Qualified auditors can only be associated with one CB
 - Only auditors qualified for a particular scope may perform audits on that scope

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Benefits – Repository Management

- Suspect/Counterfeit Repository Management
 - Each member country provides a (forensic) controlled suspect and/or known counterfeit repository management system
 - Provide subject matter experts to support investigations
 - Provide technical expert information to support legal/regulatory actions

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Benefits – Reporting & Support

- AC-HSS online database system for the management of:
 - Membership
 - Assessment
 - Certificate
 - Risk Assessment and Program Improvement
- Reduced cost for support through AC-HSS Members:
 - Subject Matter Experts in you industry
 - Legal Services
 - Suspect/Counterfeit Material Repository Management System in each country
 - Regulatory/Agency reporting services for Suspect/Counterfeit and/or Hazardous Material

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Membership – Join Now !! www.ac-hss.org

- Membership:
 - **Original Equipment Manufacturers – Products (OEM-Products)**
 - **Original Equipment Manufacturers – Components (OEM-Components)**
 - **Retail Outlets**
 - **Distributors**
 - **Contract Manufacturers**
 - **Certification Body (CB)**
 - **Law Firms**
 - **Consultants & Consulting Firms**
 - **Training Firms**
 - **Government Officials / Employees**
 - **Non Profit Organizations**
 - **Individuals**



Q & A

US Member Contacts

