

# Protect your company data: What you need to know about the revision of DPCO:2023!

We have an existing certified DSMS according to  
DPCO:2023

## **1. Until when do we have to change our DPMS to comply with the new DPCO :2023?**

The corresponding audits must be successfully completed by July 2025 at the latest, please talk to your lead auditor and plan this step early, ideally as part of existing planned audits.

## **2. Until when does our current certificate remain valid?**

Existing and newly issued certificates in accordance with DPCO:2014 are valid until 31 August 2025 at the latest.

## **3. Does the validity period of our certificate change?**

No, even after the successful completion of a transition audit, the original 3-year certificate validity period remains in force.

## **4. When can we carry out the recertification according to the new standard at the earliest?**

SQS is currently preparing the accreditation for the new DPCO:2023. As soon as we receive it from the Swiss Accreditation Service SAS, we will be able to carry out audits and certifications in accordance with the new DPCO:2023. You will be kept up to date in this regard by your lead auditor.

## **5. If we have to change our DPMS, will SQS carry out a normal surveillance audit or an early recertification?**

The transition audit can take place as part of a recertification, a maintenance audit or a separately scheduled audit. No additional recertification is required. Your lead auditor will be pleased to provide you with further information in this regard as well.

## **6. Will there be any additional costs?**

As the new DPCO:2023 now also includes the full requirements of ISO/IEC 27001:2022 in addition to the legal requirements, the audit duration will increase slightly. Your lead auditor(s) will be happy to provide you with a new offer.

## **8. What do the auditors check before the actual transition audit?**

Carry out a GAP analysis of the changes to your company's ISMS and submit these results, your updated declaration of applicability / SOA and the updated risk treatment plan to your lead auditor before the actual transition audit. They are required to read the evidence in

advance so that the complexity and thus the duration of the transition audit can be determined in the offer.

#### **9. What do the auditors check during the transition audit?**

- According to the FDPIC's guidelines for a management system, the entire ISO/IEC 27001 standard must now be taken into account. No measures in Annex A are excluded blanketly; applicability must be checked individually in each case.
- The changes to your DPMS according to your GAP analysis are checked, i.e. the changes to the requirements of DPCO:2023 plus.
- Evidence of the implementation and effectiveness of the new or amended Annex A measures declared applicable in your DPMS.

## **We would like to have a DPMS newly certified by SQS**

#### **1. When can we carry out the certification according to ISO/IEC 27001:2022 at the earliest?**

SQS is currently preparing the accreditation for the new DPCO:2023. As soon as we receive it from the Swiss Accreditation Service SAS, we will be able to carry out audits and certifications in accordance with the new DPCO:2023. You will be kept up to date in this regard by your lead auditor.

#### **2. How much are the costs for the new certificate?**

As the new DPCO:2023 now also includes the full requirements of ISO/IEC 27001:2022 in addition to the legal requirements, the audit duration will increase slightly. Your lead auditor(s) will be happy to provide you with a new offer.

#### **4. Until when does a certificate according to DPCO:2014 remain valid?**

Newly issued certificates in accordance with DPCO:2014 are valid until 31 August 2025 at the latest.

#### **5. Until when do we have to change our DPMS according to DPCO:2014 to comply with the new DPCO:2023?**

The corresponding audits must be carried out by July 2025 at the latest, please speak to your lead auditor and plan this step at an early stage, ideally as part of existing planned audits. Please also note the answers to questions no. 1-9.

#### **6. What happens to our certificate if we still certify according to DPCO:2014 and then with a transition audit according to DPCO:2023?**

If you successfully pass the transition audit by July 2025 at the latest, you will receive a new certificate in accordance with DPCO:2023. The validity period of the certificate remains the same as on the previous certificate.