



# Revised Timeline for Transition to SA8000:2014

2015

September

- SAI to release the **SA8000:2014 Guidance Document & Social Fingerprint Self-Assessment**
- SAAS to release **Procedure 200:2015 & Procedure 201A:2015 & 201B:2015**

November 1

**DEADLINE:** CBs **SHALL** develop a transition plan for integrating SA8000:2014, Social Fingerprint, ISO 17021-1:2015, SAAS Procedure 200:2015 and SAAS Procedure 201A and 201B:2015 into their management systems. **This transition plan SHALL be submitted to SAAS for approval.**

March 31

**DEADLINE:** CBs **SHALL** amend all SA8000 system documents including: forms, instructions, contracts, policies and procedures. The revised documents **SHALL** reflect the normative requirements found in ISO 17021-1:2015, Procedure 200:2015 and Procedures 201A and 201B:2015 for conducting certification audit to SA8000:2014 including the Social Fingerprint process. **SAAS shall conduct a document review prior to a CB undertaking SA8000:2014 audits.**

December 31

**DEADLINE:** As of this date, **CBs SHALL be in compliance to ISO 17021-1:2015, SAAS Procedure 200:2015 and Procedure 201A and 201B:2015.** This **SHALL** be confirmed by a successful Head Office Audit of the CB and at least one witness audit.

October 1

**DEADLINE:** CBs **SHALL** fax or email acknowledgement of this revised Notification to SAAS

2016

January 1

A CB **MAY** begin conducting SA8000:2014 audits provided **it has received a document review and approval from SAAS.** SA8000:2014 audits **SHALL** be conducted in accordance with the requirements found in ISO 17021-1:2015, SAAS Procedure 200:2015 and Procedure 201A and 201B:2015

May 15

SAAS may begin accepting applications for CB accreditation to ISO 17021-1:2015, SAAS Procedure 200:2015, SAAS Procedure 201A:2015 and SAAS Procedure 201B:2015 to conduct SA8000:2014 audits.

**DEADLINE:** As of this date, **all SA8000 certification audits of new clients SHALL be to SA8000:2014.** Transfer clients or existing clients who have had their Stage 1 or Stage 2 or follow-up audit to SA8000:2008 prior to May 15, 2016 may continue the certification process to SA8000:2008 until the later deadline of June 30, 2017.

2017

June 30

**DEADLINE:** As of this date, **ALL SA8000 certified organisations SHALL have transitioned to SA8000:2014** and any existing SA8000:2008 certificates **SHALL** be invalid.