



## **Transition Plan for Accredited RIOS Certification From RIOS:2006 to RIOS:2016**

RIOS:2016 Certification Program Effective Date: February 28, 2019

1. All transitions to the RIOS:2016 certification shall be completed by 30 September 2020.
2. All RIOS:2006 Certifications will expire on 30 September 2020.
3. **RIOS:2006 Certifications**
  - a. After the release of RIOS:2016, only recyclers contracted with a CB for RIOS:2006 prior to the release may still become certified to RIOS:2006. All new contracts shall be written for RIOS:2016 after the release date.
  - b. New certificates to RIOS:2006 may be issued by the CB for up to 180 days from the release date of the RIOS:2016 certification program.
  - c. Re-Certification to RIOS:2006 may be completed if the certified company's expiration date is within 12 months of the release date for the RIOS:2016 Certification Program. The recycler must be recommended for continued certification during the RIOS:2006 recertification audit.
  - d. All Certificates issued to RIOS:2006 shall expire on or before the transition completion date of 30 September 2020 for the the RIOS:2016 Certification Program.
  - e. Surveillance audits scheduled within the 2 year transition period may continue to be audited to the RIOS:2006 standard, until transition to RIOS:2016.
  - f. Recertification audits scheduled more than 180 days after the release date of RIOS:2016 shall be conducted as an upgrade/transition audit to RIOS:2016.
  - g. CBs currently accredited by ANAB for RIOS:2006 certification services will be required to apply to ANAB for accreditation to the revised and new requirements of RIOS:2016 and the RIOS Certification Program. CBs will submit required documentation for transition for processing and approval by ANAB. The requirements will include a plan to demonstrate that the CB is effectively managing the RIOS:2016 transition requirements within the required timeframes. CBs shall apply for RIOS:2016 and the RIOS Certification Program with sufficient time to be able to support the RIOS:2016 certification requests.
4. **New RIOS:2016 Certifications** - Recyclers may be certified to the new RIOS:2016 standard as soon as the Certification Body is accredited to RIOS:2016. RIOS:2016 Audits may be conducted by CBs accredited RIOS:2006, prior to receiving accreditation to RIOS:2016. Audits must be conducted according to the RIOS:2016 Certification Program.



**5. Upgrades to RIOS:2016 Certification**

- a. RIOS:2006 Recyclers must complete an upgrade audit to RIOS:2016 within the transition period to maintain certification.
- b. Upgrade/transition audits may only be completed as part of a recertification audit. Upgrades are not permitted during surveillance or any other audit.
- c. Recertification audits may be completed earlier than required in order to upgrade to RIOS:2016 provided sufficient audit time is used to achieve the transition and recertification.
- d. New certificates shall be issued upon recertification with the effective and expiration dates for RIOS:2016 , in addition to any other dates required by ISO 17021-1.