

Handling of Appeals

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1. Scope

This procedure describes the procedure for the process of receiving, substantiating, investigating the appeal and deciding what actions shall be taken in response, tracking and recording the appeal maintenance of records of appeals. The appeals should be discussed in PTU-staff meetings and the actions taken should be documented. The process for handling appeals shall be publicly available.

2. Purpose

Appeals are objections, errors, or non-conformities involving work quality, or failures to provide service or other requests of the customer including timeliness relates to PT activities. Appeals can provide valuable feedback on the effectiveness of the PTU and can be used to improve the management system.

3. References

ISO/IEC 17043:2023 General requirements for the competence of providers of proficiency testing schemes and for the development and operation of proficiency testing schemes.

4. Process for handling appeals

4.1 Receiving of appeals

- Appeals may be received in various means in writing, electronically through e-mail or fax.
- Upon receipt of a customer appeal as defined above, the customer/representative will fill the (appeal form F02- P7.7- PTU); with the appropriate information including date, customer name, service description and brief description of the problem or reason of appeal. The PTU shall confirm whether the appeal relates to PT activities and, if so, shall resolve the appeal further, on the form it should be documented whether and how (i.e. by telephone, Email, or fax) the contact was solved or if an appeal has been completed.
- Regardless of the means of receipt, the complaint is recorded on the corrective action report documented in form (F01-P8.7-PTU Nonconforming work & CA request). The QA manager contacts the customer by either phone or email to confirm receipt of complaint.

- According to the nature of the appeal, an appropriate authority is assigned for its handling.
Appeal of technical nature is assigned to the technical manager who may form an investigation including the responsible staff for the work under appeal.

Any participant has the right to raise any comments or complains on the Proficiency Testing Report to GOEIC-PTU within one month from the day of receiving his report. If GOEIC-PTU does NOT receive any comments or complains during that period, the report will be considered accepted from the customer's' or participant's side.

4.2 Resolution & Investigation of appeals

- The investigation process includes gathering all necessary information to determine whether the appeal is substantiated, validating the appeal, investigating the cause of the problem and deciding on actions that would eliminate the cause of the problem and satisfy the customer.
- In case of customer complaints which are in process, the documents related to this complain should be kept in an open file labeled "Corrective Action in Process" until final disposition is reached.
- Upon Resolving of the appeal, all records related to this specific appeal are kept in the "appeal file" at the PTU- Quality Manager.
- When the corrective action has been completed, the output is reviewed and approved by individual who is not involved in the activities under appeal. The corrective action form is forwarded to PTU- Quality manager who communicates the output to the appeal.

4.3 Review & Decisions of appeals

- Reviewed and approved by, persons not involved in the subject of the appeal in question. Whenever possible, the Quality Manager flow up the appeal and The Head of PTU gives formal notice of the end of the appeal handling to the appeal.
- Appeals are reviewed during the internal audit and management review to ensure any changes from an appeal were proper, effective, timely and successful.
- The Head of PTU responsible for all decisions at all levels of the handling process for appeals.

5. Related Documents and Forms

F02- P7.6- PTU Appeal form

F01- P7.6- PTU list of Appeal

F01-P8.7-PTU Nonconforming work & CA request

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