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**Quality Management System Procedure**

Internal Quality Audit  
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**OBJECTIVE:**

To establish an internal management systems audit procedure capable of monitoring system implementation and process performance as well as engender continual improvements in the Bureau's Quality Management System.

**SCOPE:**

This procedure covers the following:

**1. Internal audit**

- 1.1 Organization of Internal Audit Team,
- 1.2 Planning and preparation for audit,
- 1.3 Conduct of audit,
- 1.4 Reporting of audit result,
- 1.5 Root cause analysis and corrective/preventive action
- 1.6 Verification of effectiveness of corrective action and
- 1.7 Recommendation for systems improvement as a result of the internal audit process.

**2. External Audit**

- 2.1 Second Party Audit
- 2.2 Third Party Audit

**REFERENCE DOCUMENTS:**

- ✓ Quality Management System Manual
- ✓ ISO 9001:2015
- ✓ ISO 19011:2011

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**DEFINITION OF TERMS:**

**Lead Auditor** – Officer-In-Charge appointed by the Top Management to plan, organize and lead the Internal Audit process of the Bureau.

**Auditors** - Trained personnel tasked to audit the Quality Management System (QMS) to ensure consistent and effective implementation of the documented QMS.

**Auditee** – A representative of the Division being audited.



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**Observation** - Statement of fact made during an audit and substantiated by objective evidence where such are likely to cause non - conformance in the future, an improvement or comment on the documented management system or its implementation.

**Correction or Immediate Action** – Action designed to eliminate an identified non-conformity or deviation. This is to be addressed and documented in accordance to the Corrective Action Procedure.

**Corrective Action** – Action designed to eliminate the root cause of the non-conformance or deviation so as to prevent its (non-conformity) recurrence. Similarly, this is to be addressed and documented in accordance to the Corrective Action Procedure.

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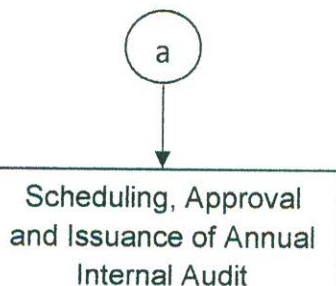
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<p><b>1.0 Internal Audit Activities</b></p> <p><b>Responsible Person</b></p> <pre> graph TD     Start([Start]) --&gt; Selection[Selection of Internal Audit Team members]     Selection --&gt; Training[Internal Audit Team Members Training]     Training --&gt; Appointment[Appointment of Lead Auditor]     Appointment --&gt; a((a))           </pre> <p>Selection of Internal Audit Team members        Top Management, Quality Management Representative</p> <p>Internal Audit Team Members Training        Top Management, Quality Management Representative</p> <p>Appointment of Lead Auditor        Quality Management Representative</p> <p align="center">a</p>	<p>Selected employees shall be provided with foundation courses on ISO 9001:2015 including Internal Quality Audit (IQA). The said employees shall form part of the IQA Team and implement this procedure to ensure effective implementation of the documented QMS.</p> <p>An employee must meet the following minimum qualifications to be considered as an Internal Auditor:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1 Employed with the Bureau</li> <li>1.2 Can write and speak in English and Filipino</li> <li>1.3 Can relate well with fellow employees and superiors</li> <li>1.4 Has attended Internal Audit Training and/or conducted at least one guided Internal Audit.</li> </ol> <p>One of the team members shall be appointed to be the Lead Auditor who shall plan, lead, organize and coordinate the activities of the internal audit team. Appointment shall be prepared and issued to all qualified auditors enumerating their responsibilities.</p> <p align="right"><b>MASTER COPY</b></p> <p align="right"><b>CONTROLLED COPY</b></p>



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Lead Auditor

Preparation of Internal  
Quality Audit Checklist

Lead Auditor

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Regular internal audit shall be scheduled at least once a year. Additional audits shall be scheduled at least once a year for: 1) the Frontline Services as these are critical and the priority of the Bureau and 2) those areas whereby non-conformities were identified as a result of the previous internal audit or complaints raised by customers/stakeholders. The Lead Auditor shall prepare a Regular Annual Internal Audit Plan (FO-IA-01) and shall be submitted to the QMR for review and approval. The Lead Auditor shall include the following in the preparation of the Annual Internal Audit Plan:

1. Audit schedule,
2. Processes and areas to be audited,
3. Documents that will be covered by the audit,
4. QMS requirements related to the area that will be audited, &
5. Assignment of Auditors and Auditees - no Auditor is allowed to audit his/her own division/area to maintain the independence of the auditor and the integrity of the audit process

Upon approval, a copy of the Annual Internal Audit Plan shall be furnished to all Division Chiefs concerned, internal auditors and the Top Management, at least one (1) month before the IQA.

Prepare Internal Audit Checklist (FO-IA-02) based on the QMS manual, procedure(s), work instructions, regulatory/statutory/legal requirements and applicable ISO requirements to be audited as soon as the Internal Audit Schedule is received. This shall ensure that important aspects of the documented QMS are covered during the Internal Audit.

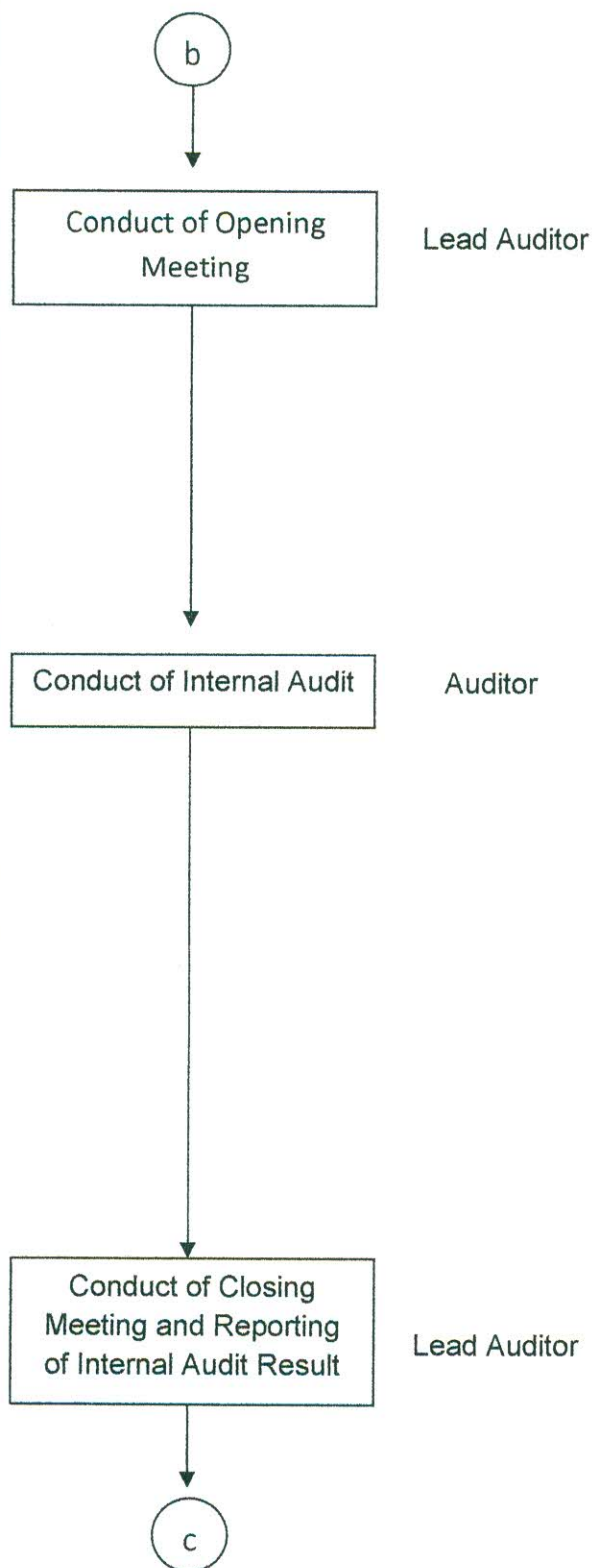
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During the Opening Meeting, the Lead Auditor shall discuss the coverage, purpose, itinerary, methodology of the Internal Audit to the Division Chiefs and Process Owners concerned. Amendments to the Internal Audit schedules shall be mutually agreed upon by both parties.

The following procedures shall be observed by the Internal Auditor:

1. Ask questions related the process
2. Gather records of implementation based on the defined processes
3. Record the evidences seen during the interview and gathering of data in the Internal Audit Checklist Form (FO-IA-02)
4. Classify identified lapse/s in the implementation as either major or minor non-conformances
5. Used CAR Form (FO-IA-03) in documenting the non-conformances
6. Verify the effectiveness of corrective action on the date committed

Conduct a closing meeting to summarize the result of the Internal Audit process highlighting the good points, deviations and non-conformances, including unresolved issues, noted during the entire audit process.

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Preparation of Internal  
Audit Summary

Lead Auditor

Follow up Internal  
Audits shall be  
performed at an agreed  
time to determine if  
corrective actions are  
effective

End

Collate all CARs at least five (5) days after the Internal Audit. All Auditees shall include root cause/potential problem and corrective/preventive action plans. These shall be submitted to the Lead Auditor for review. Issue copy of the Internal Audit Summary to all Division Chiefs for their reference and corrective action follow up. (Note: Lead Auditor will present the same summary during the Management Review Meeting).

There shall be no undue delay in the implementation of corrections and corrective actions. In case of delay, the Division concerned shall be issued another CAR and be required to propose additional corrective actions.

Closure of CARs, shall be recommended by the Internal Auditor concerned and shall be subject to approval of the Quality Management Representative. Otherwise, the CAR shall be re-issued and will undergo the same procedure.

## 2.0 Records

- 2.1 Regular Annual Internal Audit Plan (FO-IA-01)
- 2.2 Opening / Closing Meeting Attendance
- 2.3 Corrective Action Report (FO-IA-03) with attached objective evidence – for internal and external
- 2.4 Audit Checklist (FO-IA-02)
- 2.5 Internal Quality Audit Report

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**OBJECTIVE:**

To establish a system in analyzing, evaluating, establishing corrective actions and in implementing of such actions to eliminate the root causes of non-conformities in order to prevent their recurrence.

**SCOPE:**

This procedure consists of the following actions:

1. Review and analysis of non-conformities and root cause,
2. Determination of other potential non-conformities and their causes,
3. Evaluation of the need for action to prevent recurrence and occurrence of similar non-conformities in any aspect of the Bureau's QMS
4. Determination and implementation of action needed,
5. Recording of the result of action taken and
6. Review and follow up of action taken to establish its effectiveness.

**REFERENCE DOCUMENTS:**

Quality Management System Manual  
ISO 9001:2015 Standard

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**DEFINITION OF TERMS:**

**Correction or Immediate Action** – actions taken to eliminate an identified non-conformance or deviation.

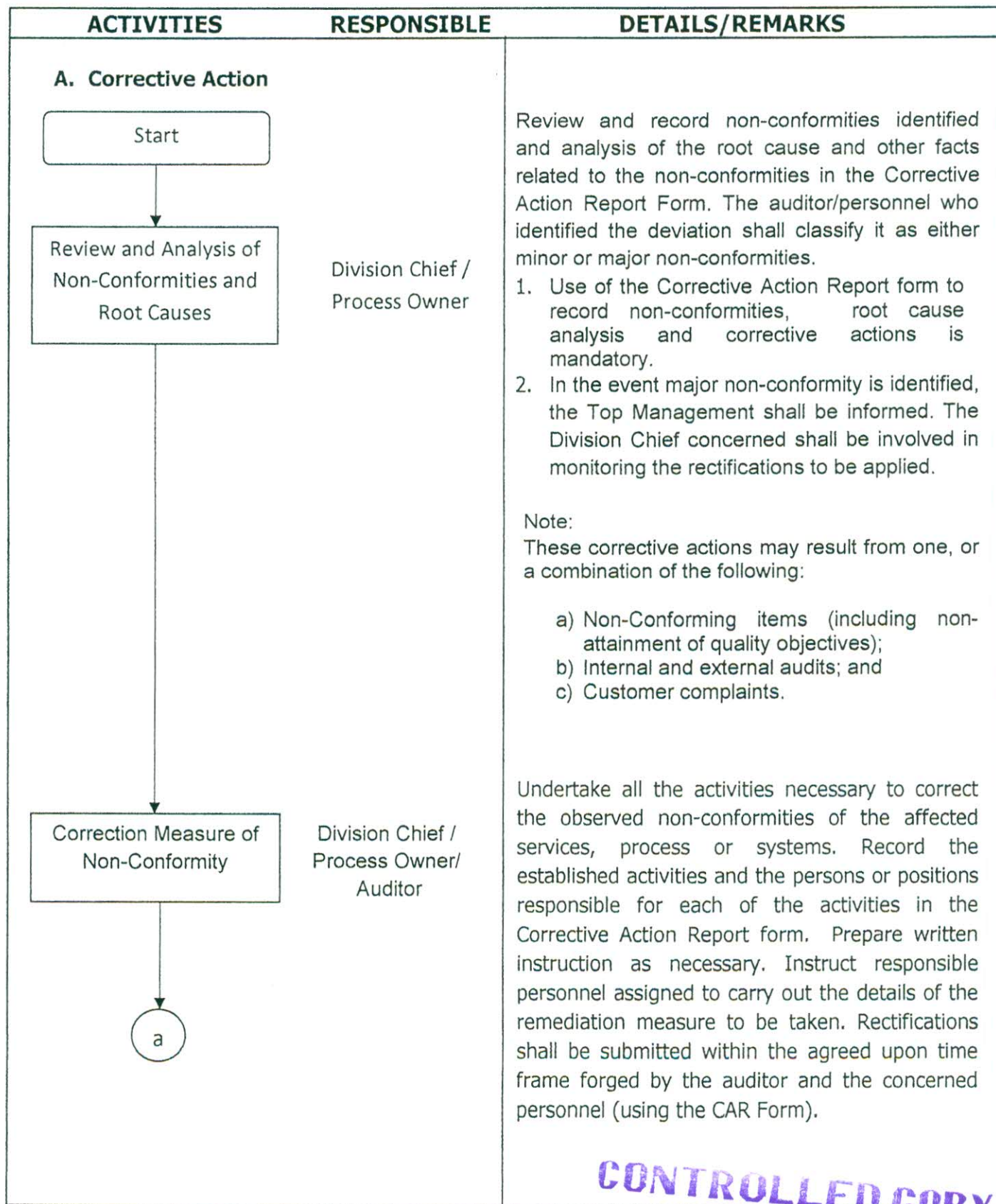
**Corrective Actions (C/A)** – actions taken to eliminate the cause of non-conformities in order to prevent their recurrence/occurrence. These may come in the form of document revision, etc.

**Non-conformity** – deviation from a procedure or lapse in implementation. This includes as well all deviations causing adverse effects to the service rendered by MGB and customer complaints.

**Minor Non-Conformity** – is an isolated lapse in implementation that can easily be rectified and will not cause a serious breakdown in the system.

**Major Non-Conformity** – systemic deviation; accumulation of minor lapses in one area/department; repetitive or combined deviations that may cause damage to services being provided or failure to comply with clients' requirements; repetition of previously identified non-conformities; non-conformity to legal requirements that govern the operations of the company; deviations that may cause breakdown in the management system.

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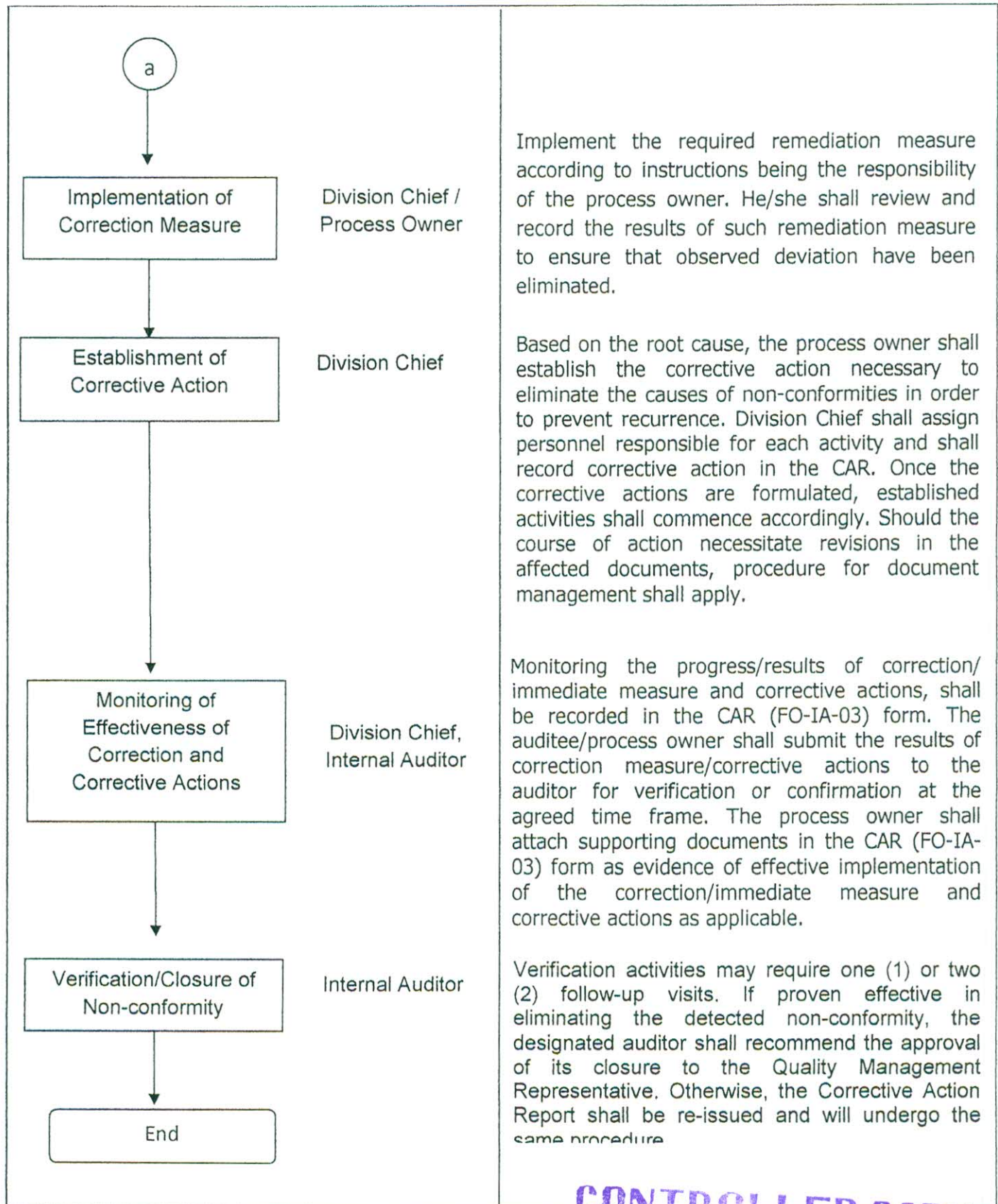
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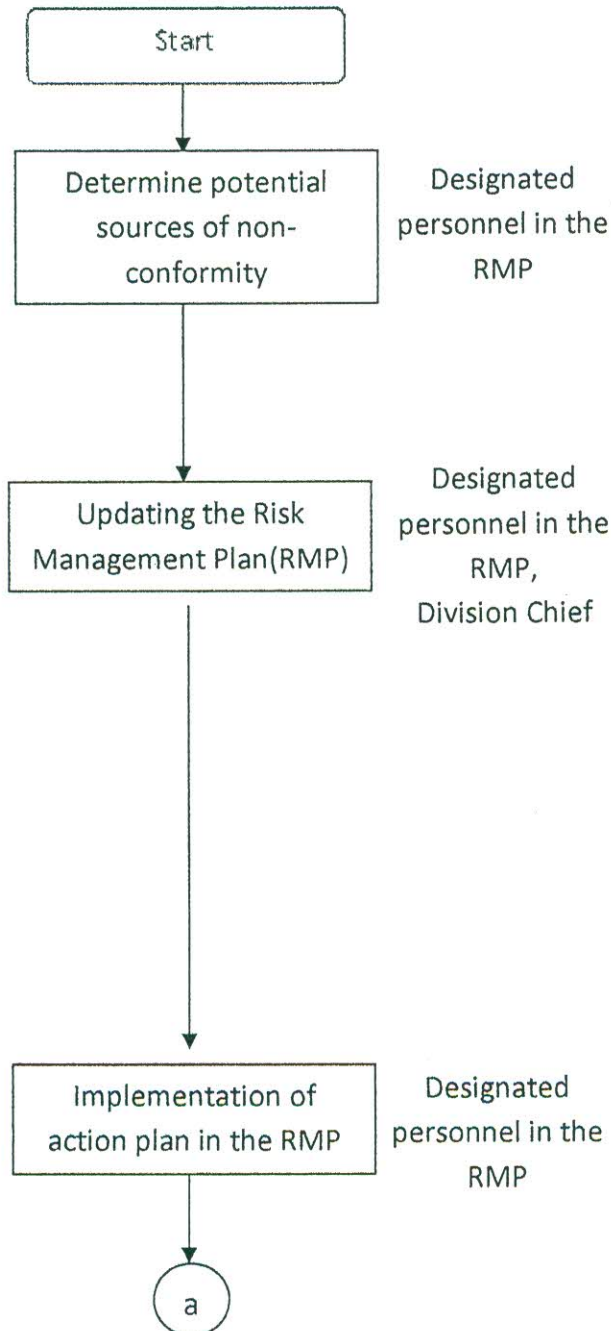


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**B. Updating the Risk Management Plan**



Determine probable causes or sources of potential non-conformities. Each Division shall be responsible for updating its Risk Management Plan (RMP). This is to be spearheaded by the designated personnel indicated in the RMP. The Division Chief shall be responsible for its approval and shall ensure that the person in charge of the action plan observes the monitoring of timetables and/or deadlines and review if the said actions were indeed effective.

Copies of the RMP shall be given to all affected parties involved including other relevant data or information. The outcome of these monitoring and review activities shall be reported to the Top Management.

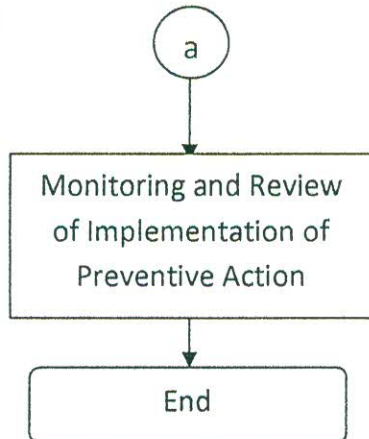
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Designated  
 personnel in the  
 RMP

Effectiveness of the action plan shall be monitored and reviewed depending on the approved timelines/deadlines.

In the event the action plans were found to be insufficient to prevent the identified adverse impacts from occurring, the RMP shall be revised/updated to incorporate additional or revised courses of action until these updated preventive measures are proven to be effective in addressing the risk.

**2.0 Records**

- 2.1 Corrective Action Report (FO-IA-03)
- 2.2 Risk Management Plan
- 2.3 Other Corrective Action records as required by the reference or appropriate procedure.
- 2.4 Minutes of the meeting during the analysis of root cause formulation stage as applicable.
- 2.5 Other supporting documents used to support the above documents.

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### **OBJECTIVE:**

To establish controls with respect to managing lapses in the rendering of MGB's general services covered in the declared scope of MGB's ISO 9001:2015 certification.

### **SCOPE:**

This shall cover all activities connected in the management of identified lapses in the processing of Exploration Permit applications by MTMD and approval of Environmental Protection and Enhancement Program (EPEP) and Final Mine Rehabilitation and/or Decommissioning Plan (FMR/DP) by MSESDD. This shall also cover controls related to identified deficiencies in the conduct and performance of laboratory services under the jurisdiction of the MeTD and LGSD.

### **REFERENCE DOCUMENTS:**


Quality Management System Manual  
Division Quality Management System Procedure  
ISO 9001:2015 Standard  
Citizen's Charter

### **DEFINITION OF TERMS:**


**Non-Conforming Product** – An output resulting from the execution of defined procedures that do not conform to specified requirements.

**Failed test** – a test that did not complete the required process i.e. incomplete fusion

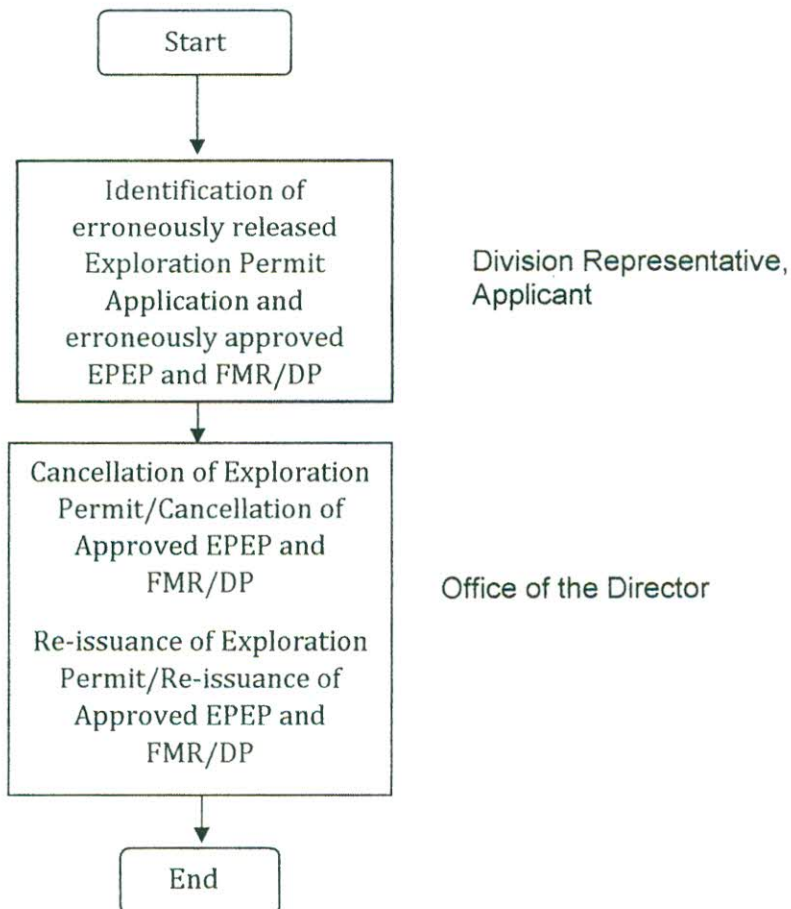
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1.0 Activities	Responsible Person	Details/Remarks
<p><b>A.1. Control of Non-Conforming Products – Processing of Exploration Permit Applications and Approval of EPEP and FMR/DP</b></p> <pre> graph TD     Start([Start]) --&gt; A[Identification of deficiencies in the submitted documents – application shall be segregated]     A --&gt; B[Letter to applicants requiring them to provide necessary data]     B --&gt; C[Applicant submits completed documents]     C --&gt; D[Re-evaluate re-submitted documents]     D --&gt; E[Reprocessing of application]     E --&gt; End([End]) </pre>	<p>Division Representative</p> <p>Division Representative</p> <p>Division Representative</p> <p>Division Representative</p>	<p>It is expected that from the initial review, lapses or deficiencies are determined from the start. Nonetheless, this procedure shall be defined so as to address any eventuality of lapses during the processing of applications.</p> <p>A formal letter shall be sent to the applicant.</p> <p>In the event the applicant issues a formal complaint, the employee concerned shall be issued a CAR form. The procedure for Corrective Action shall then apply.</p> <p align="center"><b>CONTROLLED COPY</b> <b>MASTER COPY</b></p>

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**A.2 Control Of Non-Conforming Products –  
Release of Erroneous Exploration Permit Applications  
and Erroneous Approval of EPEP and FMR/DP**



Note:

Errors may be identified either by the applicant or by the Bureau.

Formal registered letters shall be sent to the companies concerned re: Cancellation/Re-issuance of Exploration Permit/Approved EPEP and FMR/DP stating the reason behind the Bureau's course of action.

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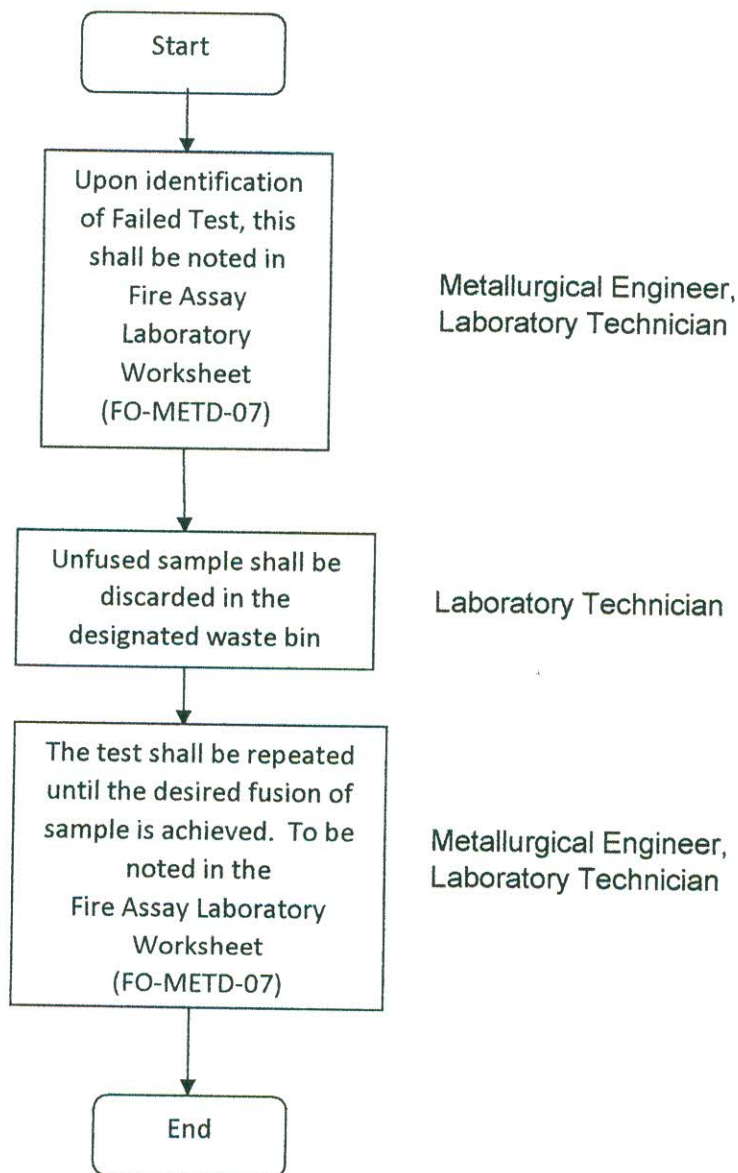


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**B.1 Control of Non-Conforming Products – Failed Test  
(MeTD and LGSD)**




In reporting a Failed test, an asterisk (\*) shall be used as mark on the appropriate item in the Fire Assay Laboratory Worksheet (FO-METD-07) in order to identify the said test.

A comparative analysis shall be performed to determine the cause of the failed test. Adjustments shall be incorporated in the succeeding tests and these shall be noted in the Fire Assay Laboratory Worksheet.

Succeeding tests that achieved desired fusion shall be re-verified to prove these satisfy pre-determined requirements.

Note:  
Unfused test samples cannot be reworked. Rework shall be in the form of conducting re-tests from the remaining units for testing.

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<p><b>B.2 Control of Non-Conforming Products – Release of Erroneous Test Results (MeTD and LGSD)</b></p> <pre> graph TD     Start([Start]) --&gt; A[Identification of erroneous test results already released to the client]     A --&gt; B[Client shall be notified regarding the erroneous test result thru letter and the request to have the said laboratory result recalled; Issuance of correct result shall be given to the client simultaneously]     B --&gt; End([End]) </pre> <p>Metallurgical Engineer, Laboratory Technician</p> <p>Metallurgical Engineer, Laboratory Technician</p>	<p>The personnel involved in the test shall document the incident using the CAR form and, to that effect, shall implement the CAR procedure.</p> <p>Formal registered letters shall be sent to the companies concerned re: erroneous laboratory result. This shall include an explanation as to why the error occurred.</p>
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## 2.0 Records

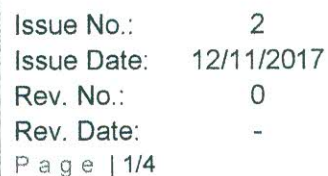
### A. Control of Non-Conforming Products – Processing of Documents, Applications and Permits

- 2.1 Notification/Communication Letter
- 2.2 Documents pertaining to the processing of application
- 2.3 CAR report

### B. Control of Non-Conforming Products – Conduct of Tests


- 2.4 Fire Assay Laboratory Worksheet (FO-METD-07)
- 2.5 Communication Letter
- 2.6 CAR report
- 2.7 Test result/report

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### **OBJECTIVE:**

To define the system in reviewing the effectiveness of the Quality Management System and the overall performance of Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) Central Office to ensure the Quality Management Systems' continued suitability, adequacy and effectiveness.

To be able to pinpoint areas in the Quality Management System that needs improvement, changes, upgrading or management action, decision or support.

### **SCOPE:**

This procedure covers all areas of the Bureau's operations, internal and external inputs, as well as the decisions and actions of the Top Management that affect the effective performance of the quality management system

### **REFERENCE DOCUMENTS:**


Quality Management System Manual  
Corrective Action Procedure  
ISO 9001:2015 Standard

### **DEFINITION OF TERMS:**


**Quality Management Representative** – shall be indicated "QMR" in this procedure; member of the organization and member of management; responsible in overseeing the effective implementation, maintenance and improvement of the Quality Management System

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Activities	Details/Remarks
<p><b>1.0 Management Review Activities Responsible Person</b></p> <pre> graph TD     Start([Start]) --&gt; Plan[Plan the schedule of Management Review and Prepare the agenda that will be discussed.]     Plan --&gt; Memo[Issue Memo to all concerned regarding the Management Review and instruct them to collate needed information defined period of coverage]     Memo --&gt; Conduct[In the conduct of the Management Review, all concerned are to report the performance of their respective areas, status of QMS implementation, problems and proposed solutions.]     Conduct --&gt; Decisions[Decisions and actions to be taken are discussed during the management review]     Decisions --&gt; A((A)) </pre> <p align="center"><b>MASTER COPY</b>  <b>CONTROLLED COPY</b></p>	<p>The Memorandum pertaining to the conduct of the Management Review shall be issued at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting to give ample time for all concerned to prepare the needed data. Those concerned includes Division Chiefs, ISO Team Leaders, BAC Head, HR Head and Administrative Head.</p> <p>The minutes of the Management Review shall contain, at the minimum, the inputs stipulated in clause 9.3 of the ISO 9001:2015 Standard:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>status of actions from previous reviews</li> <li>changes in internal &amp; external issues relevant to the QMS (context)</li> <li>information on QMS performance &amp; effectiveness including trends in: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>customer satisfaction &amp; feedback from relevant interested parties</li> <li>extent to which quality objectives have been met</li> <li>process performance &amp; conformity of products &amp; services</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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