

Understanding the differences between ISO/IEC 27001 and TISAX

Inspiring trust in information security provisions is critical to building a resilient business. For over 15 years organizations have been using the international best practice standard ISO/IEC 27001 to help. An organization wide framework it provides a robust approach to address information security risks.

As the automotive industry embraces a growing number of technologies across an increasingly global supply chain, information security requires increased focus. So, to help, TISAX has been introduced addressing specific information security risks in the automotive supply chain, closely aligning to the established ISO/IEC 27001 standard.

ISO/IEC 27001 versus TISAX

ISO/IEC 27001: managing information security of the organization	TISAX: managing information security in the automotive supply chain
Targeted at the organization's leadership and major stakeholders, universal application across different sectors and business functions	Targeted towards supporting business partners of the organization, with focus on the automotive supply chain
Flexible scope: organizations determine the scope based on the context of their organization	Standardized scoping: locations and assessment objectives need to provide meaningful results for business partners
Evaluation: needs to ensure information security risks addressed appropriately from the point of view of the organization	Evaluation: needs to ensure information security risks addressed appropriately from the point of view of business partners
No central database of certificates or standardized exchange mechanism for audit results	Standardized format for assessment results using labels through a central database and standardized exchange mechanism
No consistent way to integrate audit results into supplier management tools	Integration: it's possible to integrate assessment results from the database into supplier management tools
Broader, more diverse stakeholders involved in the international standardization mechanism, with less frequent revisions	TISAX working group with major stakeholders can quickly adapt to changes in the requirements catalogue (annual revision)

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Both frameworks support organizations, large and small, to embed information security provisions to protect sensitive information. They are complementary approaches that help you build both information and supply chain resilience.