

SUPPLIER AND SUBCONTRACTOR AUDITS

SHARED AUDIT SERVICES

Rapid implementation and optimisation of your audit schedule, providing a 'win-win' solution





Our shared audit expertise can be applied to these audit situations

- Raw materials suppliers
- Packaging materials suppliers
- Subcontractors including manufacturing, analytical laboratories, packaging, transportation and distribution ... and many more.

Our Shared Audit Services and You

Comprehensive supplier and subcontractor audits are a priority for you. All regulatory agencies who set standards for the pharmaceutical industry have an expectation of GMP compliance across pharmaceutical manufacturing supply chains. As a consequence, pharmaceutical companies have an obligation to engage with their supply chain members to ensure compliance through robust auditing of their supply chain.

Your suppliers and subcontractors will experience repeated demands by their customers to host audits of their operations which are both costly and time consuming. A shared audit approach can help you to avoid the challenges of longer timelines to confirm an audit date, difficulties in organising joint visits or even a refusal to be audited.

These situations can be difficult to manage and pose both economic and regulatory risks to your business with the biggest risk concerned with achieving Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) compliant audits that are conducted within the necessary timelines.

Our Shared Audits expertise

Intertek's shared audits services facilitate greater collaboration between your suppliers and subcontractors by making audit scheduling easier whilst reducing demands

on all stakeholders by combining requests to audit a particular supplier site. This directly translates into reduced audit costs.

Our auditors can demonstrate their competence, training, skills and knowledge of the processes being audited and the laws and guidance covering the audited operation.

Shared audits are conducted in accordance with relevant international standards such as cGMP, GDP, GLP, GVP & GCP, ISO 22716, ISO 13485, ISO 15378, PS 9000, IPEC, EFfCI standards and are specific to the type of audit activity required in the context of the country in question.

The shared audit approach guarantees every instructing party a high level of satisfaction, bringing such benefits as:

- Rapid implementation of the audit that is geared to your schedule
- Greater collaboration and easier access to the audit sites through reducing the demands on your suppliers or subcontractors
- Cost optimisation of your audit schedule. For the same cost, a larger number of audits can be carried out compared with an internal and individual process
- Specialist auditors who are experts in GxP and can demonstrate their competence, skills and knowledge
- Audits that are conducted in the language of the audited party
- Robust implementation and contractual relationships in accordance with the requirements of the relevant standards

Shared Audits, the Intertek Way



- A simple, effective and secure management tool
- Experienced auditors with highly relevant knowledge of relevant international standards

Personalised audit reporting

You will receive the exact information to meet your auditing requirements via a personalised audit report whilst benefitting from the cost efficiencies of the shared audit process. Added optional benefits include evaluation of the supplier's action plan from the auditor, on-site monitoring of the action plan implementation and technical support during the audit.

Intertek's online platform

Intertek's confidential shared audit online platform allows secure and confidential access to a real-time view of forthcoming scheduled supplier shared audits, including those proposed and those already in progress.

After logging into your secure account you can also view details of past audits for specific plants and view requests for audits. The online platform allows a simple means to apply to participate in a shared audit and initiate and manage your supplier audits with the benefits of the following:

- Real time view of planned audits and audits undergoing planning,
- Permanent access to an audit as a new instructing party
- Data is held in confidence via secure Web access
- A choice between managing programs and a one-off audit
- Access to the experience and qualifications of Intertek auditors,
- A contractual relationship in accordance with the requirements of the relevant standards,
- Individually tailored audit programs that incorporate the specific expectations of each instructing party
- Verification of Intertek's independence relative to the audited entity

With over 10 years' experience over 5 continents, our auditors have won the continuing trust of more than 500 clients. Bringing quality and safety to life, our team of over 100 specialist auditors are deployed across all areas of production and distribution for raw materials, healthcare and beauty products. Our auditors' knowledge helps you to identify and mitigate the intrinsic risk in your operations, supply chains and business processes.

The pharmaceutical industry faces great challenges from increases in health authority inspections, increasingly complex globalised supply networks, to ever expanding regulatory expectations.

We can help our customers to overcome these challenges through our Total Quality Assurance expertise for shared audit services, delivering consistently, with precision, pace and passion, enabling our customers to power ahead safely.



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