

ISO 28000 Supply Chain Security Lead Auditor Training

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Overview

Freight networks and international transit corridors encounter severe exposure to illicit tampering, cargo theft, smuggling, and cross-border distribution stoppages. The ISO 28000 Supply Chain Security Lead Auditor Training equips assessment professionals to conduct independent first-, second-, and third-party supply chain security audits under ISO 19011 standards. Participants evaluate formal conformance against ISO 28000 specifications, inspect physical boundary defenses, assess logistics integrity protocols, and verify countermeasure effectiveness. Practical exercises and simulated audit trails teach candidates how to plan conformity engagements, steer evaluation teams, and defend formal findings before executive bodies. This course is delivered by Agile Leaders Training Center.

Who Should Attend

- Practitioners qualifying to conduct independent third-party certification assessments for registrar bodies.
- Supplier assurance evaluators tasked with second-party vetting of transport providers and freight forwarders.
- Internal assessment leaders seeking structured alignment with ISO 19011 evaluation protocols.
- Corporate compliance directors and security oversight specialists governing cross-border freight conduits.
- Management consultants preparing corporate logistics facilities for formal third-party scrutiny.

Departments and Industries

This programme delivers rigorous assessment capabilities across transport hubs, distribution corridors, and industrial networks.

- Marine Terminal Administration, Stevedoring, and Container Freight Depots
- Aviation Cargo Logistics, Air Transit Depots, and Bonded Warehouses
- Intermodal Freight Consolidation and Long-Haul Fleet Haulage
- Pharmaceutical Cold-Chain Distribution and Regulated Chemical Transport
- High-Value Electronics Fabrication and Global Distribution Hubs

Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Interpret ISO 28000 requirements to judge organizational conformity during formal assessment rounds.
- Apply ISO 19011 evaluation protocols across first-party, second-party, and third-party review engagements.
- Direct Stage 1 documented information appraisals to determine facility readiness for full on-site evaluation.
- Execute Stage 2 on-site evidence gathering through process sampling, physical inspection, and personnel interviews.
- Formulate defensible nonconformity statements supported by unambiguous objective evidence.
- Evaluate corrective action submissions and determine root-cause validity for audit closure.
- Chair structured opening and closing sessions with facility leadership teams.

Course Agenda

Day 1: Audit Criteria and Standard Architecture

- Normative structure, intent, and procedural terminology of ISO 28000
- Context analysis, interested-party expectations, and defining assessment boundaries
- Reviewing organizational security policies, asset inventories, and threat appraisal criteria
- Auditing leadership commitment, accountability allocations, and resource assignments
- Establishing baseline readiness for independent conformity assessments

Day 2: Audit Planning and Stage 1 Assessments

- Applying ISO 19011 assessment principles to logistics assurance activities
- Determining assessment feasibility, scope boundaries, and resource needs
- Conducting Stage 1 desk reviews of security manuals and risk registers
- Developing risk-prioritized audit plans, sampling frameworks, and inquiry protocols
- Assembling and briefing assessment teams for complex multi-modal facilities

Day 3: Conducting Stage 2 On-Site Audits

- Convening the formal opening conference with facility directors
- Gathering objective proof through interviews, operational observation, and record checks
- Evaluating physical perimeter access, badge verification, and cargo bay monitoring
- Assessing seal integrity procedures, transit container screening, and tracking records
- Verifying contractor screening, vetting standards, and third-party logistics oversight

Day 4: Findings, Nonconformities, and Audit Closure

- Synthesizing collected evidence to establish conformity levels
- Grading assessment findings into major nonconformities, minor issues, and observations
- Writing objective, traceable nonconformity notifications using structured templates
- Formulating defensible assessment conclusions and certification recommendations
- Directing the formal closing conference and presenting findings to executive leadership

Day 5: Corrective Actions and Audit Programme Governance

- Reviewing auditee root-cause analyses, immediate corrections, and remediation plans
- Conducting follow-up verification activities to confirm nonconformity closure
- Managing multi-site assessment programmes and surveillance review intervals
- Evaluating team member competence, ethical objectivity, and professional conduct
- Simulated capstone lead auditor assessment and final course debrief

Practical Exercises

Delegates engage in practical simulations to cultivate field assessment skills and lead auditor judgment.

- Suggested activity: Formulate an evidence-gathering plan targeting multi-modal container transshipment yards.
- Suggested activity: Evaluate a simulated Stage 1 security profile to determine readiness for an on-site visit.
- Suggested activity: Draft an actionable nonconformity notification based on an unmonitored cargo transit breach.
- Suggested activity: Lead a mock closing conference to deliver difficult findings to executive port officials.

FAQs

What distinguishes this lead auditor course from a lead implementer programme?

While an implementer focuses on designing policies and deploying operational safeguards within a facility, this course trains participants to serve as independent evaluators who judge conformity, direct assessment teams, and verify compliance under ISO 19011 protocols.

What background is recommended before attending this programme?

Prior exposure to freight operations, logistics management, physical security, or basic internal auditing principles provides helpful context, though formal entry prerequisites are not required.

Does this syllabus cover third-party certification evaluation routines?

Yes, the curriculum covers the complete evaluation lifecycle, encompassing Stage 1 documentation assessments, on-site Stage 2 verifications, findings synthesis, and post-audit corrective action reviews.

Conclusion

Completing this course equips assessment leaders with the professional capability to conduct rigorous security reviews across global freight networks. Participants return prepared to plan and execute independent assessments that identify critical procedural gaps, reinforce cargo protection, and evaluate organizational resilience using recognized international criteria.

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