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Auditor Book



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1.0. The audit plan should cover or reference the following:

- a) the audit objectives;
- b) the audit scope, including identification of the organizational and functional units, as well as processes to be audited;
- c) the audit criteria and any reference documents;
- d) the locations, dates, expected time and duration of audit activities to be conducted, including meetings with the auditee's management;
- e) the audit methods to be used, including the extent to which audit sampling is needed to obtain sufficient audit evidence and the design of the sampling plan, if applicable;
- f) the roles and responsibilities of the audit team members, as well as guides and observers;
- g) the allocation of appropriate resources to critical areas of the audit;
- h) identification of the auditee's representative for the audit;
- i) the working and reporting language of the audit where this is different from the language of the auditor or the auditee or both;
- j) the audit report topics;
- k) logistics and communications arrangements;
- l) specific arrangements for the locations to be audited;
- m) any specific measures to be taken to address the effect of uncertainty on achieving the audit objectives;
- n) matters related to confidentiality and information security;
- o) any follow-up actions from a previous audit;
- p) any follow-up activities to the planned audit and
- q) coordination with other audit activities, in case of a joint audit.

2.0. Audit Plan Communication:

The audit plan may be reviewed and accepted by the audit client, and should be presented to the auditee well in advance with a copy to MSCD. Any objections by the auditee to the audit plan should be resolved between the audit team leader, the auditee and the audit client prior to the audit.