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Auditing And Certification Of Management Systems In An Unstable Economic Environment

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Abstract

This paper explores the interaction of the various organisations involved in conformity assessment and the growth of a bureaucracy, against a background of declining numbers of certificates in some economic regions against a backdrop of an unstable macro economic environment. The last ISO survey, the 17th was 2007 in a relatively stable world economy indicating relatively low growth in some economic regions and decline in others. Some reasons for this are postulated, for example, no financial benefit, absorption of resources, no commercial benefit.

Against this backdrop auditing in a hyperinflationary environment is reviewed highlighting some of the difficulties in doing business and maintaining conformance to the standard. ISO9001 is used as base for controlling the business but conventional businesses practices need to be modified to remain economically viable.