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## Temporary Suspension of Certifications of International Standard for Quality Management Systems, IATF 16949 [\*1]

Osaka, Japan, February 7, 2024 – Panasonic Industry Co., Ltd. (“PID”), today announced that the company received a notification from LRQA limited, a registered certification body for IATF16949, that the IATF16949 certifications of its Koriyama Plant, Koriyama West Plant[\*2], Yokkaichi Plant and South Yokkaichi Plant were suspended on February 2, 2024, in response to the discovery of identified instances of irregularities in the process of UL certification for electronic materials manufactured by PID, that was publicly announced on January 12, 2024.

PID takes this action seriously and will make every effort to recover the trust from the customers.

### Details of IATF 16949 certification suspension

#### **[Scope subject to temporarily suspended]**

- Registration number: 0399408
- Applicable plant: Koriyama Plant, Koriyama West Plant [\*2]
- Applicable scope [\*3]: Design and manufacture of copper-clad laminates and prepregs for printed wiring boards, laminates for electrical purposes and mass laminated panels for multilayer printed wiring boards.
  
- Registration number: 0403435
- Applicable plant: Yokkaichi Plant
- Applicable scope [\*3]: Design and manufacture of molding compounds
  
- Registration number: 0403376
- Applicable plant: South Yokkaichi Plant
- Applicable scope [\*3]: Design and manufacture of encapsulation materials, liquid resin materials, copper-clad laminates, flexible copper-clad laminates.

#### **[Applicable standard subject to temporarily suspended]**

IATF16949:2016

#### **[Effective Date]**

February 2, 2024

## **【Inquiries】**

Please submit any inquiries at the following websites:

(Japanese) <https://industrial.panasonic.com/jp/notice/em240118>

(English) <https://industrial.panasonic.com/ww/notice/em240118>

(Chinese) <https://industrial.panasonic.cn/ea/notice/em24011840118>

[\*1] IATF (International Automotive Task Force) 16949 is the international standard for quality management system specializing in the automotive industry.

[\*2] Koriyama West Plant is subject to the temporary suspension of IATF16949 certification because it shares the same registration number as Koriyama Plant. Koriyama West Plant does not manufacture any products subject to the irregularities of the third-party certification announced on January 12, 2024.

[\*3] The description of the scope is based on IATF16949 certifications and does not match the designation of electric material products in the irregularities of the third-party certification announced on January 12, 2024.

## **About Panasonic Industry Co., Ltd.**

Panasonic Industry Co., Ltd. was established on April 1, 2022 as an operating company in charge of the device business within the Panasonic Group in line with its shift to an operating company system. The mission of the company states that "We will open the way to a better future and continue to contribute to an affluent society through a variety of device technologies." On a global basis, the company has about 42,000 employees and achieved net sales of 1,149.9 billion yen for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023. Against the backdrop of a labor shortage in manufacturing, the explosion of data with the rise of the information-based society, and greater demands for the environment and safety for the mobility society, the company will focus on areas where ongoing evolution is required and continue to provide customer value with distinctive features of unique material and process technologies such as capacitors, compact servomotors, EV relays, and electronic materials. Learn more about Panasonic Industry at <https://www.panasonic.com/global/industry>.