

Isehara Manufacturing Plant of Ichikoh Industries, Ltd. obtains "QS-9000" certification.

Ichikoh Industries, Ltd., a leading supplier of automobile parts, obtained "QS-9000" certification, a quality system specifications required by the big 3 (Daimler-Chrysler/Ford/General Motors), on December 15, 2000 at its Isehara Manufacturing Plant (Isehara city of Kanagawa prefecture) where production line and research and development group for the lamp products are located.

This manufacturing plant has already obtained "ISO9001", an international standards for quality control and quality assurance, in November 1996. Certification of "QS9000" based on the quality control and quality assurance system of ISO9001 will help the company achieve high quality under the international level quality system and improvement of corporate credibility by the customers.

At Isehara Manufacturing Plant, 34 departments and offices started activities toward certification of "QS9000" on March 10 of this year. Various standards including quality manual were prepared, employees attended QS related classrooms, documents were reviewed in October, site inspection took place in November, and finally the certification is obtained.

The company is supplying auto parts not only to domestic automobile manufacturers but also to foreign automobile manufacturers. Taking the opportunity of QS9000 certification, the company intends to make further efforts for the improvement of quality and operational efficiency, improvement of corporate credibility and improvement of competitiveness in the domestic and overseas markets, thus cope with the trend of globalization.

Furthermore, the company is planning to obtain QS9000 certification at all manufacturing sites, including two manufacturing plants in Fujioka (Gunma prefecture), Oizumi Manufacturing Plant (Gunma prefecture) and Nakatsugawa Manufacturing Plant (Gifu prefecture), by the end of fiscal year 2001.

Date certified : December 15,2000

Certified site : Isehara Manufacturing Plant of Ichikoh Industries,Ltd.

Inspection and registration authority : Japan Quality Assurance Organization

Applicable standards : QS9000

Registration number : JQA-QS0128

Scope of activities subject to registration : Design,development and manufacturing of head lamps and small lamps for automobile.

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