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6.7 Internal Audits

6.7.1 General

6.7.1.1 Internal audits are conducted on a yearly basis to monitor the implementation of the MAURITAS Management System, Policies and Procedures as referred in this Quality Manual and to ensure their continued effectiveness. This will ensure that MAURITAS conforms to the requirements of ISO/IEC 17011.

6.7.1.2 The Quality Manager prepares an Internal Audit Programme, **F2.23** to cover an accreditation cycle of four years taking into consideration the importance of processes, areas to be audited and results of previous internal audits. Based on the internal audit programme, the Quality Manager prepares a yearly Internal Audit Plan, **F2.07**, and arranges for its implementation. The internal audit programme is reviewed every year at the Management Review Meeting. The Quality Manager also supervises the smooth execution of all audits. He assigns competent personnel with the task of carrying out the internal audit.

6.7.1.3 Staff do not audit their own areas of responsibilities. The staff responsible for the area audited is informed about the outcome of the internal audit. The Quality Manager is responsible for monitoring that non-conformities are cleared within agreed time frames and follow-up audits conducted to monitor the effectiveness of the corrective actions.

6.7.2 Cross References

6.7.2.1 MAURITAS P3, F2.07