

To: TAPA EMEA Members and Independent Audit Bodies (IAB)

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TAPA EMEA Membership Benefits and Certification

As part of TAPA EMEA's continued drive to improve membership services. We are happy to bring to your attention the benefits of being a TAPA member and how this allows for many advantages over those companies who are not TAPA members.

Please use this link to access a full list of the benefits

[Membership Categories pdf](#)

Investing in a TAPA membership ensures you get free or affordable access to all TAPA member benefits.

Your TAPA EMEA membership status and TAPA Standards certification options

TAPA Standards are utilized in supply chains as a global certification program. Each TAPA region (Americas, APAC and EMEA) follow the same processes to achieve certification. However, membership terms and conditions do vary by region and this may in some circumstances affect how we can apply the Standards certification criteria to some certification audit categories and services.

In EMEA the following conditions apply to the TAPA Standards certification criteria.

- a) The term "legal entity" shall be applied to recognize a company seeking certification and will take precedent over other organizational terms mentioned in the standards (Central Function, Security Management System, Corporate, HQ etc.).
- b) The "legal entity" name shall be the name recorded on the IAB issued TAPA certificate.
- c) Using the "legal entity" as the official title for the audit and the certificate ensures TAPA can validate that its members receive the full certification benefits from their TAPA membership (no fees for audit administration and free/discounted training fees).
- d) It is not possible to have more than 1 "legal entity" listed on each TAPA certificate.
- e) The membership status of the "legal entity" must be established before considering the certification options.

Additional Information

1. The Legal Entity

As of January 2020, TAPA EMEA changed its membership rules, requiring the EMEA member company to be identified with their legal entity to access the members certification benefits.

Example 1: Good To Go Logistics (UK) Ltd. is judged as a different legal entity from its sister organization Good To Go Express (UK) Ltd.

They are registered as different legal entities even though they belong to the same parent group. In this example Good To Go Logistics (UK) Ltd. and Good To Go Express (UK) Ltd. must both become TAPA EMEA members to access the members benefits.

2. International Legal Entity Recognition

TAPA EMEA will allow EMEA organizations with the same entity name, but who may be operate from different country locations to be considered as the same entity. This is conditional that they have the same HQ or Corporate management with authority over the single entity operations.

Example 2: Good To Go Logistics (UK Ltd.) and Good To Go Logistics GmbH operate under the same Corporate organization. In this situation it could be 1 or 2 legal entities are involved but TAPA will consider them to be 1 legal entity as the management structure and operational controls are managed centrally for both companies. They can join TAPA under 1 membership or should they choose, 2 independent memberships.

3. TAPA Training Services

Each TAPA EMEA member receives 3 free training credits annually for training. This is primarily intended for their own organizations staff members. However, if the member is unable to allocate any of the training credits to their own staff, they may donate (without charge) their unused training credits to any other TAPA members companies.

4. TAPA EMEA Non-Members

TAPA EMEA recognizes that many organizations who are not members of TAPA, may also wish to access TAPA certification and services. TAPA EMEA is happy to provide access but this can only be permitted when the non-member pays the appropriate fee. Current non-member fees are listed at the link above.

The IAB or TAPA EMEA should be contacted if any further clarification is needed.

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