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| **Safety Culture Ladder NEN** | | | |
| Decision number: | 2025-10 |  |  |
| Subject: | Extension of the German Decision on the Number of Audit Days for Authorization T4/T5 Audits | | |
| Date: | 2025-05-22 |  |  |
| Implementation: | Publication on website and in SCL 2.0 standard and certification scheme | Effective date: | 22 May 2025 |

Background;

In 2023, the BoE approved the request from Germany to make an exception for the year 2024 regarding the requirements imposed on auditors related to carrying out audits on T4/T5. See BoE Decision 2023-09.

SCL Germany has now requested that the relaxation of requirements be extended to apply also in 2025.

Consideration;

The CvD endorses the reasoning from Germany, as market conditions in 2024 have not fundamentally changed.

Decision:

The BoE SCL has made the following decision:

The BoE agrees with the following proposal from the Germany Working Group to extend decision 2023-09 for the year 2025.

This means that, under the same conditions, in Germany the number of audit days on T2 may also be counted for obtaining authorization to conduct audits on T4/T5.

Conditions:  
1. This decision is valid for 2025 only. As of 1 January 2026, auditors in Germany must meet the current requirement for the number of actual audit days to obtain authorization for T4/T5 audits.  
2. In 2025, an additional witnessing must be conducted for auditors who are authorized based on this relaxed requirement.