To our esteemed IATF 16949 clients:

In recent weeks some of you have reached out with concerns about your current certificates nearing expiry or already being expired.

A bit of background: The IATF was one of the last holdouts in 2020 to offer a full remote audit option. For many of our clients this meant that audits that "should" have taken place in mid-2020 did not take place until late 2020. This has had a ripple effect in terms of package approval, certificate issuance, and so forth. With 2021 representing the three-year anniversary of the publication of IATF 16949 this means that nearly every PJR IATF client is due for recertification.

While PJR certainly understands your concern, we ask that you bear in mind that all certificates that were valid in 2020 were given a 6-month extension in validity by the IATF. The IATF's COVID-19 memo says the following about this topic.

"In this extraordinary situation the IATF-recognized certification bodies <u>are not required to reissue the certificates immediately.</u> This document together with automated updates to the IATF Database and the IATF Certificate Validity Check are providing the evidence that the certificate is valid beyond the documented expiration date printed on the certificate."

Any IATF registered organization (or a customer of such an organization) can check on a certificate's continued validity themselves using the IATF's website (www.iatfglobaloversight.org) using the "IATF Certificate Validity Check" feature on the right-hand side of the screen.

PJR would like to express our thanks to our valued IATF clients for their patience during this trying time.