ISO 9001:2026 Gap Analysis Plan

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1	4.1	Climate-relevant external/internal issues are not considered in context analysis (per Clause 4.1).	Refresh context analysis to address climate change as both an external issue and a relevant interested-party requirement; update the context register.	QMS Lead (lead); Top Management; Sustainability Lead. Resources: half-day workshop, climate-risk reference data.	Updated context register (per P0410-01); meeting minutes; Management Review input.	2026-05-04	2026-05-15	10	0%	Overdue	N	ISO 9001:2026 Clause 4.1 explicitly requires climate consideration in clause 4.1.
2	4.2	Interested parties' relevant requirements (incl. climate-related expectations) not formally assessed.	Update interested-parties register (P0420-01); for each party, evaluate relevant requirements, including climate-related expectations.	QMS Lead (lead); Sales; Procurement; HR; Communications.	Revised interested-parties register flagging climate-relevant requirements.	2026-05-11	2026-05-22	10	0%	Overdue	N	ISO 9001:2026 Clause 4.2 notes interested parties can have climate-related requirements.
3	4.3	QMS scope statement does not specify products, services, or sites; non-applicable clauses (e.g. 8.3) lack documented justification.	Revise QMS scope to specify products, services, sites, and any non-applicable 9001 clauses with formal justification (per P0434-01).	Top Management (approve); QMS Lead (draft); Operations.	Approved QMS Scope Statement; documented exclusion justifications; communication to staff.	2026-05-18	2026-05-22	5	0%	Overdue	Y	Milestone — must be approved before QMS Manual finalization.
4	4.4	QMS processes and their interactions are not documented; process map outdated or absent.	Map QMS processes; define inputs, outputs, sequence, interactions, controls, and KPIs (per P0434-01).	QMS Lead (lead); Process Owners.	QMS process map; process interaction matrix; KPI register.	2026-05-18	2026-06-05	15	0%	Overdue	N	Use turtle diagrams per QMS suite pattern.
5	5.1	Top management commitment not visibly demonstrated; leadership-and-commitment evidence weak.	Establish leadership-commitment communication plan covering policy, objectives, customer focus, and continual improvement; communicate via internal channels.	Top Management; Communications; QMS Lead.	Documented leadership commitment statement; all-staff communication; meeting minutes.	2026-05-25	2026-05-29	5	0%	Overdue	N	Clause 5.1.1 (a)–(l) — visible commitment is required.
6	5.2	Quality Policy does not include all required commitments (satisfy applicable requirements; continual improvement) and is not aligned with strategic direction.	Revise Quality Policy to include all 5.2.1 commitments; ensure availability, communication, and accessibility per 5.2.2.	Top Management (approve); QMS Lead (draft); Communications.	Revised Quality Policy signed by Top Management; published internally and to interested parties.	2026-06-01	2026-06-12	10	0%	Overdue	Y	Milestone — gates the rest of the QMS document set.
7	6.1	Risk-based thinking methodology absent; no R&O register linked to context and interested parties.	Implement P0611-01 Risks and Opportunities; build R&O register linked to context (4.1), IPs (4.2), and key processes; integrate climate-related risks.	QMS Lead (lead); Heads of Department; Process Owners.	R&O register (F0611-01); risk methodology document; treatment action plans.	2026-06-08	2026-07-03	20	0%	Overdue	N	Risk-based and opportunity-based thinking are core to ISO 9001:2026; replaces the formal preventive action requirement.
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9	6.3	No formal change-management procedure for QMS changes; ad-hoc handling of process changes.	Develop and implement P0630-01 Change Management; define change request, assessment, authorization, and verification workflow.	QMS Lead (lead); Process Owners; Top Management.	P0630-01 Change Management procedure; F0630-01 change request form; change log.	2026-06-22	2026-07-17	20	0%	Overdue	Y	Milestone — gates control of subsequent QMS evolution.
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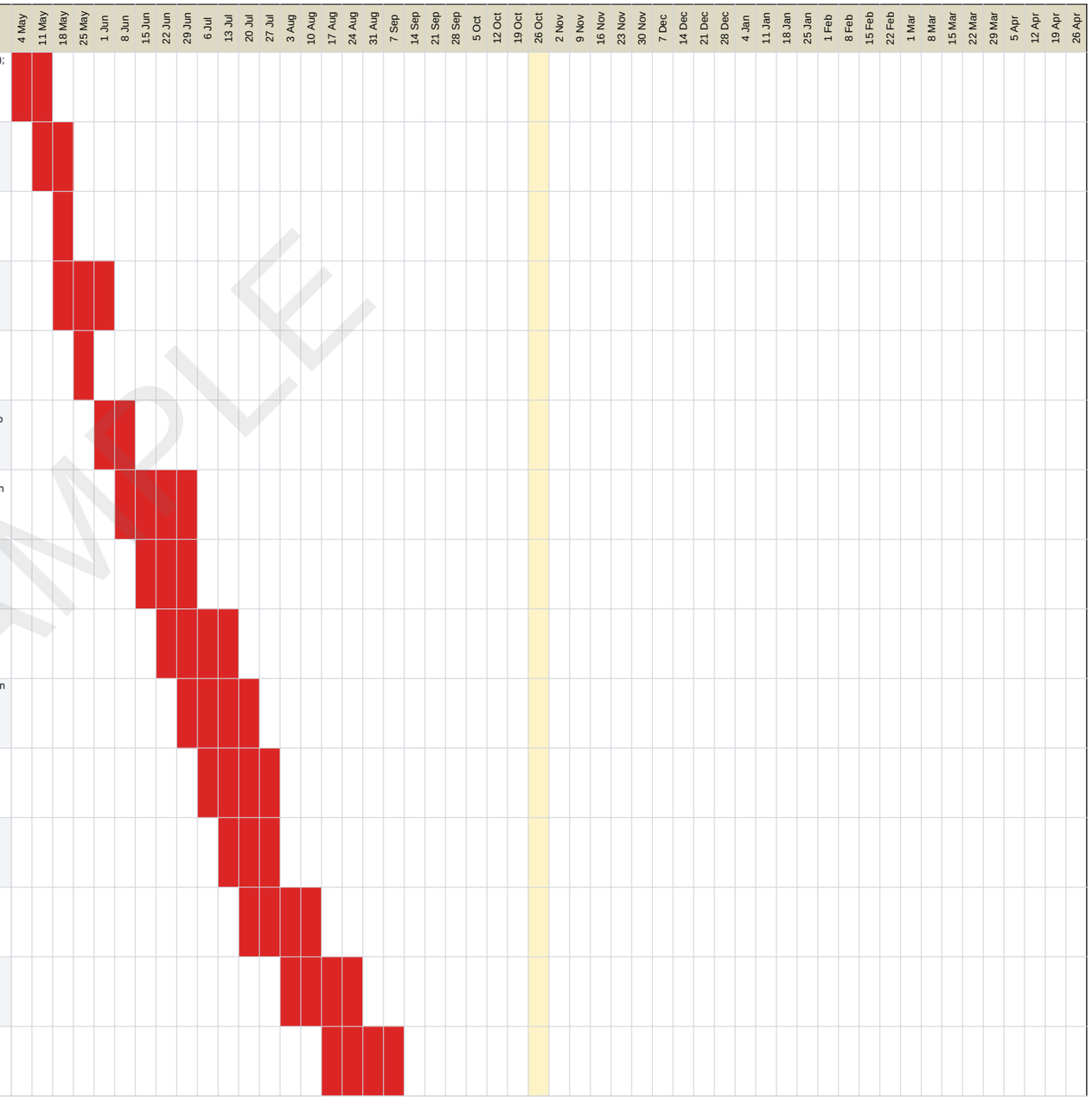
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14	8.2	Customer requirements not formally reviewed before commitment; changes to orders not consistently re-reviewed or communicated.	Implement P0820-01 Order and Contract Review; establish formal review point before commitment; define change re-review trigger.	Sales; Engineering; Quality.	P0820-01 Order and Contract Review procedure; review records; change communication route.
15	8.4	Supplier evaluation criteria absent or inconsistently applied; approved supplier list (ASL) outdated; no risk-based supplier categorization.	Implement P0840-01 Supplier Evaluation and P0840-02 Purchasing and Procurement Control; build risk-categorized ASL; define re-evaluation cadence.	Procurement; Quality; Engineering.	Approved Supplier List with risk categorization; supplier evaluation records; updated PO terms.



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