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1.0 Purpose

- The purpose of this procedure is to handle all received complaints from certified clients or open market regarding CQI or its certified clients.
- The procedure defines the requirements for:
 - Investigating to determine the root cause for the non conformance.
 - Initiating corrective action to eliminate the root cause
 - Monitoring the effectiveness of implementation of corrective action.

Maintaining the results of corrective actions taken.

2.0 Scope

• It is applicable to all the received complaints against CQI or its certified clients through written or any other verbal source.

3.0 Definitions & Abbreviations

3.1 Top Management : Governing body of the organization made of MD & EC

3.2 MD : Managing Director

3.4 CQI : CQI Certification Pvt. Ltd.3.4 MR : Management Representative.

3.5 CA : Corrective Action

3.6 | Non conformance : It is the deviation from the defined criteria. It is a result of not complying with the

requirements.

3.7 Corrective Action : Action taken to eliminate the root cause of the non conformance.

4.0 Reference Documents:

Doc Name	Doc No	Rev No	Rev Dt.	Retention Period
Complaint register	CQI-QF-56	00	01.10.2024	Live
Non-Conformity Closure Report	CQI-QF-42	00	01.10.2024	5 Years
Complaint Resolution form	CQI-QF-57	00	01.10.2024	5 Years

5. Procedure

- > Complaints received from following sources through email which is displayed on the website:
 - Client under certification process
 - Customer of Certified Client
 - Consumer Forums
 - Legal authorities
 - Any other sources
- > Technical Director accesses the email for received Complaints
- > Technical Director acknowledges the complainant about receipt of complaint through email.
- > Technical Director through appropriate sources validate the complaint
- > If the complaint is found to be invalid, Technical Director communicates back to the complainant with justification.
- > If the complaint is found to be valid, Technical Director & EC forms an ACTION TEAM.
- Members of this team will be different from those who carried out audits and made the certification decision
- > If the complaint is not related to CQI, Technical Director to demand CAR from Certified Client.

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- ➤ If the complaint is related to CQI, Action Team to initiate interim Short-term Containment action.
- Action Team to investigate the concern raised in the complaint
- > EC to verify the investigation outcomes
- If the investigation is invalid a re-investigation is recommended
- > If the investigation is valid, Action Team to propose suitable Corrective action
- ➤ EC in coordination with Technical Director validates the action proposed and recommends them for implementation
- > If action implementation takes long time intermediately status is updated to the complaint by Technical Director
- > Action Team establishes elements to track effectiveness of action proposed.
- > The action taken is evaluated for effectiveness.
- If the action is not effective the proposed action is reviewed.
- > If the action taken is effective, horizontally deploy those actions in other areas / processes & Close the Complaint.
- > Technical Director communicates through a formal notice, about the resolution taken against the complainant to the entity who has initiated this Complaint.
- > The Maximum time for the Resolution of Complaint is 24 Hours i.e. means within 24 Hours of time CQI will Resolve the Issue.

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