

Assuring business continuity if critical events occur

# TÜV NORD CERT – Certification of BCM systems according to BS 25999-2

From lightning strikes to political unrest and on to pandemics: unforeseen events, not only at home but also in far distant production or procurement countries, can seriously disturb the business processes of an enterprise.

Generally speaking, high financial and also intangible losses result in, and can even lead to collapse and bankruptcy. It is vital to minimise damage of this type and the aim of Business Continuity Management is to take effective precautions against serious disruption and damage. TÜV NORD CERT supports companies by checking their BCM systems, thereby contributing to the ongoing security of their business.



## Increasing risks in the global market

Modern business processes are increasingly open to disruption. The main reasons for this are the fact that processes are increasingly based on IT, as well as increasing globalisation and nationalisation with outsourcing, outtasking and involvement of numerous partners around the world.

Possible disruptions can be:

- Natural catastrophes such as floods or earthquakes
- Power cuts and fires
- Disruption and damage to the infrastructure
- Social and political unrest and drastic changes in the political scene
- Local and global health aspects such as epidemics and pandemics
- Personal and material losses through assaults or unrest

## Be prepared

A Business Continuity Management system defines plans as to how normal operations can be resumed in the shortest possible time following disruption. This minimises damage to the enterprise as a whole and helps to avert existential threats. In order to check if an implemented BCM system would function effectively if the need arises, TÜV NORD CERT offers certification of BCM systems. Organisations then receive an independent and securely-based opinion from a neutral expert regarding the efficiency and reliability of their emergency plans. The certification requirements are defined by British Standard BS 25999-2; in addition, BS 25999-1 provides organisations with a code of practice to help with the development, operation and optimisation of a BCM system.

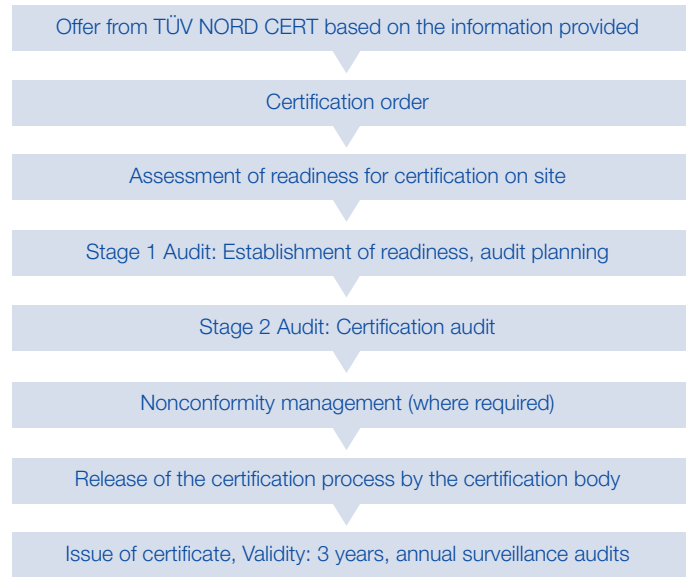
### Benefits of certification

Certification by TÜV NORD CERT is recognised for large and medium-sized enterprises in all sectors. On the one hand, they receive confirmation that a system exists for critical business processes which enables operations to continue even in exceptional circumstances. On the other hand, an inspected and certified BCM system not only offers security to the enterprises themselves, but also makes a positive impression on customers and other stakeholders: it shows that an organisation is able to continue, even if serious disturbances occur. Certified operations therefore benefit from an effective marketing instrument and also position themselves as a reliable supplier or outsourcer in critical fields of business.

### Our know-how for your success

TÜV NORD CERT is a well-established and reliable partner for inspection and certification services. Our experts and auditors have extensive knowledge based on experience and are generally permanently employed by TÜV NORD. This guarantees independence and neutrality, and also means we can offer continuity in supporting our clients. The benefit to you is clear: our auditors accompany and support the development of your company and provide you with objective feedback.

### The route to the certificate



### Are you interested?

Please send us your response by fax.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Yes, I am interested in certification of BCM systems according to BS 25999-2. Please contact me.

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