



ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Management System (EMS)

ISO 14001:2015 standard concerns all companies aiming at improving their environmental performance. As concern for environmental protection becomes globally more intense day by day, more companies wish to prove their environmental awareness to their clients and interested parties by adopting and implementing an Environmental Management System. ISO 14001:2015 is a process standard. Therefore, it can be implemented by any company, regardless of its size or activity including product manufacturers or service providers.

WHAT IS ISO 14001:2015

A prerequisite of ISO 14001:2015 is the existence of Environmental Management System. It sets the requirements for what the organization should do to manage processes that affect the impact of its activities to the environment. The core of the standard is to identify and control the environmental aspects and impacts of the organization. The 'Plan-Do-Check-Act' principle also applies to this standard. Commitment by top management for the continual improvement of environmental performance, prevention of pollution and compliance with the legislation is a prerequisite and crucial for the successful implementation of EMS. Organizations implementing ISO 14001:2015, initially, have to determine their organizational context, identify interested parties and their relevant needs and expectations, consider a life-cycle perspective when assessing the significance of their environmental aspects and determine the risks and opportunities related to their EMS.

The structure of ISO 14001:2015 is the following:

1. Scope
2. Normative references
3. Terms and definitions
4. Context of the organization
5. Leadership
6. Planning
7. Support
8. Operation
9. Performance evaluation
10. Improvement

BENEFITS OF ISO 14001:2015 CERTIFICATION

The basic benefits from setting and implementing an Environmental System according to the requirements of ISO 14001:2015 are the following:

- Reduction of operational and environmental cost
- Acquisition of competitive advantage in the market
- Conformance with legal requirements and avoidance of authority environmental fines
- Energy saving
- Increase employees' environmental awareness
- Improvement of external communication with local community and interested parties
- Address environmental concerns of customers and public
- Sustainable business

WHY WITH EUROCERT

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expertise, knowledge of local and global environmental legislation and experience in their field. In particular, EUROCERT has earned recognition in the field of environmental management system certification by conducting audits and awarding certificates globally according to ISO 14001, EMAS Regulation and Verification of Greenhouse Gas Emissions for many years.

Certification with EUROCERT means evaluation and acceptance by an accredited, well-known and well-respected third-party organization.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why get certified?

ISO 14001:2015 helps improve your company's environmental performance and enhance your reputation in the market. Furthermore, in some companies, implementation of an Environmental Management System according to the requirements of ISO 14001:2015 or EMAS Regulation is an environmental term stated in Permits or Licenses.

How long does it take to gain ISO 14001:2015 certification?

Typically 3-6 months, although this may depend on various factors. The main issue is that the company demonstrates that its management system is fully implemented and meets all the requirements of the standard. Top management and employees' level of awareness is also a crucial point to determine the necessary time for gaining certification.

Does it substitute public authority audits?

No. ISO 14001:2015 is a voluntary certification aiming at continual improvement and does not substitute any public or official audit. It organizes the company, however, so that it complies with all relevant applicable legislation and helps avoiding any unexpected problems or fines during these audits acting pre-cautiously. .



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