

ISO 14001 has been revised

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ISO 14001:2015

MILESTONES

1996

Release of the first version of ISO 14001

2012/2013

Responses to a survey on ISO 14001 conducted during this period drove the necessary changes in the standard

SEPTEMBER 2018

End of transition period

2004

Release of the standard's second version

SEPTEMBER 2015

Release of the third version, ISO 14001:2015, and start of transition period



ISO 14001

is known as the world's most successful environmental standard

About 300,000 organizations worldwide are **ISO 14001 CERTIFIED**

5 KEY CHANGES



Use of **Annex SL** structure, ensuring alignment with other management system standards



Use of **life-cycle view** to identify environmental aspects/impacts



Requires **commitment of top-level management** and **inclusion of commitment to the 'protection of environment'** in the environmental policy



More **effective communication**, focusing on both internal and external communication



Focus on **improving environmental performance** in relation to management of environmental aspects

5 KEY BENEFITS



Demonstrate **compliance** with current and future regulatory requirements



Improve **efficiencies** and **reduce costs** by integrating environmental issues in business strategies



Increase **leadership** and **employee engagement** in support of the organization's objectives



Continuous improvement of the environmental performance of the organization



Boost **company reputation** and **confidence** among stakeholders

5 TIPS TO START TRANSITIONING TO ISO 14001:2015

1

Assess needs and **identify gaps** in existing environmental management processes and systems

4

Update your organization's **existing EMS** to meet the new requirements

2

Create an **implementation plan** for an **effective EMS**

5

Discuss with your **trusted certification body** about transitioning to the new version

3

Have concerned parties undergo **training** and **awareness courses** about the new standard

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