

More than just best practice and reassurance

HOW OUR ISO SERVICES ALIGN WITH THE UN SDGS



Defining sustainability

The UN defines sustainability as the reconciliation of environmental, social and economic demands for the immediate and future well-being of individuals and communities.

UN members adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which aims to achieve “peace and prosperity for people and the planet” by 2030. The agenda includes the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are an urgent call for action by all countries.

Many of the ISO standards support the three pillars – environmental, social and economic – and the UN SDGs.

Another dimension

The ISO has published more than 22,000 international standards and related documents. ISO standards are:

- Globally recognized guidelines and frameworks.
- Based on international collaboration.
- A solid base for innovation.
- Tools to help governments, industry and consumers achieve their objectives, including sustainable development and the SDGs.

There is no specific ISO standard on the SDGs, but numerous standards correspond to each of the goals. For each SDG, the ISO has identified the standards that make the most significant contributions.

The UN SDGs






The ISOs in relation to the SDGs

This table provides examples of the main ISO standards covered by our services and their possible connections to the SDGs.

Standards and services where contribution to the SDGs has not yet been determined are not listed.



ISO	Related UN SDG(s) <i>according to the ISO website</i>
9001, quality management systems – requirements	
11137, sterilization of health care products – radiation (various parts)	
13485, medical devices – quality management systems – requirements for regulatory purposes	
14001, environmental management systems – requirements with guidance for use	
14046, environmental management – water footprint – principles, requirements and guidelines	
14064, greenhouse gases – specification with guidance... (various parts)	
14067, greenhouse gases – carbon footprint of products – requirements and guidelines for quantification	
15378, primary packaging materials for medicinal products – particular requirements for the application of ISO 9001:2015, with reference to good manufacturing practice (GMP)	
20000, information technology – service management (various parts)	
20121, event sustainability management systems – requirements with guidance for use	
21448, road vehicles – safety of the intended functionality	
22000, food safety management systems – requirements for any organization in the food chain	

22716, cosmetics – good manufacturing practices (GMP) guidelines on GMP



26000, guidance on social responsibility



26262, road vehicles – functional safety (various parts)



31000, risk management – guidelines



37001, anti-bribery management systems – requirements with guidance for use



45001, occupational health and safety management systems – requirements with guidance for use



45005, occupational health and safety management – general guidelines for safe working during the COVID-19 pandemic



50001, energy management systems – requirements with guidance for use



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