

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CERTIFICATION

Proving your environmental responsibility

BUSINESS CHALLENGE

Environment preservation is one of the major crises we are facing in the world. As customers are becoming more environmentally conscious, businesses have to follow the trend. The appropriate management of environmental issues contributes positively to economic gain and increases the competitiveness of the company. Meeting high environmental standards is important for company image and reputation. Proof of a responsible approach is fast becoming a key purchasing criterion.



WHAT IS ISO 14001?

ISO 14001 is an international Environmental Management System (EMS) standard applicable to any organization, anywhere. Based on the Plan-Do-Check-Act cycle, ISO 14001 provides a framework and specifies the most important requirements to identify, control and monitor the environmental aspects and impacts of any organization, and also how to manage and improve the whole system.

WHICH AREAS ARE COVERED BY THE ISO 14000 SERIES?

The key areas covered by this series are:

- Environmental Management Systems (EMS)
- Environmental Auditing
- Environmental Labels and Declarations
- Environmental Performance Evaluation
- Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)
- Environmental Communication
- Greenhouse Gases (GHG) Monitoring



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KEY BENEFITS



Customer, investor, public, community assurance by demonstrating commitment



Reducing incidents that result in liability, therefore reducing insurance costs



Creation of knowledge database for effective exchange within the company information



High Level Structure (HLS) to easily integrate with other management systems standards



Improving cost control by conserving input materials and energy

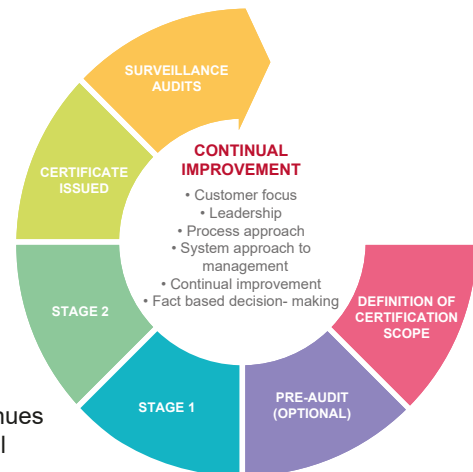


Assisting the attainment of permits and authorizations for local trade

OUR CERTIFICATION PROCESS

Key steps in our certification process are:

- **Definition** of certification **scope**
- **Pre-audit (optional)**: gap analysis and diagnosis of your current position against standard
- **Certification audit** performed in 2 stages:
 - **Stage 1** - Readiness review performed to verify that the organization is ready for certification
 - **Stage 2** - Evaluation of implementation, including the effectiveness, of the management system of the organization
- A **certificate** valid for 3 years is issued upon satisfactory results of stage 2 audit
- **Surveillance audits** to verify that the management system continues to fulfil the requirements of the standard and monitor the continual improvement
- **Re-certification** after 3 years to confirm the continued conformance and effectiveness of the management system as a whole



WHY CHOOSE BUREAU VERITAS SERVICES?



NETWORK

With 150,000 active ISO certificates and +7,400 skilled auditors, Bureau Veritas is present in 140 countries with local specialists in 80 countries.



EXPERTISE

Bureau Veritas Certification relies +400 environmental auditors possessing an extensive experience in environmental and technical issues, as well as in depth knowledge of local regulations, markets and language that enables them to provide solutions adapted to your needs.



RECOGNITION

Bureau Veritas Certification is the worldwide market leader with over 20,000 companies in 127 countries already certified to ISO 14001.



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