

ISO 14001

Environmental management systems



ISO/DIS 14001:2025

The Draft International Standard (DIS) is a strong indicator of what to expect in the upcoming ISO 14001:2026 standard. Standards evolve through revisions to align with current business practices, societal needs, and emerging business trends and technologies.

Why the Changes Matter ?

The updates refine the existing requirements and make them more relevant to current environmental challenges, while emphasizing the roles expected from responsible organizations.

Key Changes in the ISO 14001:2025 Draft International Standard (DIS)

The Draft International Standard (DIS) for ISO 14001:2026 introduces several important changes to Environmental Management System (EMS) requirements. These include a stronger focus on biodiversity, resource availability, and a reinforced life-cycle perspective. Terminology has also been updated — “fulfil” becomes “meet” and “documentation” becomes “records” - to reduce ambiguity in interpretation.

MOTIVATION AND BENEFITS

There are more than 440.000 organizations certified worldwide according to ISO 14001, with numbers increasing every year.

In general ISO 14001:2015 also follows the harmonized structure, just like ISO 9001. Important topics of these revisions are already determined by the relevant requirements: The new priorities in connection with the topics of risk based thinking, leadership, considering the context of the organization, focusing on competence and the unified term of documented information are topics determined by this common structure and relevant key contents. The harmonized structure supports the integration of specific requirements into an Integrated Management System.

OBJECTIVES

- Protection of the environment by eliminating or reducing harmful impacts
- Reduction of possible negative effects on the organization
- Support of the organization with the fulfillment of binding obligations
- Improvement of the environmental performance
- Controlling of or influence on the way products and services are developed, produced, distributed, consumed or disposed by the organization
- Achievement of possible financial and operational advantages in order to strengthen the market position
- Communication of environmental information to relevant and interested parties to promote trust

CRITERIA

The requirements of IATF 16949:2016 are stated in addition to the relevant clauses of ISO 9001: 2015. Examples of the se new requirements of ISO 16949 include:

- Requirements for safety relevant parts and processes
- Increased prerequisites concerning to the traceability of the products
- Requirements for products with an embedded software IATF 16949:2016
- Warranty management in connection with “NTF” (no trouble found)
- Expressing sub supplier management and supplier development in more concrete terms
- Adding requirements concerning corporate responsibility

MOST IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS

- Clause 4 – Context of the Organization
- Clause 5 – Leadership
- Clause 6 – Planning
- Clause 7 – Support
- Clause 8 – Operation
- Clause 9 – Performance evaluation

TRAININGS

- [ISO 14001:2015 EMS Internal Auditor Training Course](#)
- [CQI and IRCA Certified ISO 14001:2015 Lead Auditor Training Course](#)

OTHER RELEVANT STANDARDS

- ISO 50001
- ISO 9001
- ISO 45001
- Sustainability Reports