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IAF/ISO Joint Communiqué on the addition of Climate Change considerations to Management Systems Standards.

1. Introduction

The purpose of this communiqué is to highlight the publication of Climate Action Amendments to existing and new ISO Management Systems Standards (MSS) to reflect ISO's Climate Action commitments.

It is important that all parties understand the intent so that the changes can be consistently introduced and implemented.

2. Addition of Climate Change considerations to the Management Systems Standards

2.1 Decision

In support of the [ISO London Declaration](#) on Climate Change, ISO passed a resolution that will result in two new statements of text being added to a number of existing management systems standards, and will be included in all new standards under development/revision, to address the need to consider the effect of Climate Change on the ability to achieve the intended results of the management system. The changes will be introduced initially as Amendments to these published standards.

The changes (two new statements) will be incorporated into the new text of the Harmonized Structure (Appendix 2 of the Annex SL in the ISO/IEC Directives Part 1 Consolidated ISO Supplement) as follows.

The amendments to the standards will be published on February 23rd 2024.

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4.1 Understanding the organization and its context.

The organization shall determine external and internal issues that are relevant to its purpose and that affect its ability to achieve the intended result(s) of its XXX management system.

Added: **The organization shall determine whether climate change is a relevant issue.**

4.2 Understanding the needs and expectations of interested parties.

The organization shall determine:

- the interested parties that are relevant to the XXX management system.
- the relevant requirements of these interested parties.
- which of these requirements will be addressed through the XXX management system.

Added: **NOTE: Relevant interested parties can have requirements related to climate change.**

2.2 Intent of the changes

The intent is to ensure that Climate Change issues are considered by the organization in the context of the effectiveness of the management system, in addition to all other issues. These additional statements in each management system standard are ensuring that this important topic is not overlooked but considered by all organizations in the design and implementation of the management system.

The overall intent of the requirements for clauses 4.1 and 4.2 remain unchanged; these clauses already include the need for the organization to consider all internal and external issues that can impact the effectiveness of their management system; these new inclusions are assuring that Climate Change is considered within the management system and that it is an external factor that is important enough for our community to require organizations to consider it now.

It should be noted that Climate Change can have a different effect on each management system component; for example, the effect on a Quality Management System could be very different to that on a Health and Safety Management System.

It is not the intention of the changes to (for example) turn a health and safety management system audit or a road traffic safety management system audit into one that disproportionality considers Climate Change, though this does not of course understate the importance of Climate Change.

IAF and ISO would like to emphasise that Climate Change is a vital topic and, while the addition of climate considerations is highly important, the standards have always included the need for all issues affecting the management systems to be considered by the organization. Therefore, many organizations implementing MSS will already be taking Climate Change into account.

Further useful information:

- ISO TMBG JTCG webpage [Deploying ISO's London Declaration to Climate Action via Management System Standards](#)
- about [climate change adaptation and mitigation](#)

For organizations holding accredited certifications to management system standards and accredited certification bodies, [IAF](#) will provide further guidance.

Type A MSS standards amended

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| ISO 14298:2021 | Graphic technology — Management of security printing processes |
| ISO 16000-40:2019 | Indoor air — Part 40: Indoor air quality management system |
| ISO 22163:2023 | Railway applications — Railway quality management system — ISO 9001:2015 and specific requirements for application in the railway sector |
| ISO 22301:2019 | Security and resilience — Business continuity management systems — Requirements |
| ISO 28000:2022 | Security and resilience — Security management systems — Requirements |
| ISO 29001:2020 | Petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries — Sector-specific quality management systems — Requirements for product and service supply organizations |
| ISO 30301:2019 | Information and documentation — Management systems for records — Requirements |
| ISO 34101-1:2019 | Sustainable and traceable cocoa — Part 1: Requirements for cocoa sustainability management systems |
| ISO 35001:2019 | Biorisk management for laboratories and other related organisations |
| ISO 37301:2021 | Compliance management systems — Requirements with guidance for use |
| ISO 46001:2019 | Water efficiency management systems — Requirements with guidance for use |
| ISO/IEC 27001:2022 | Information security, cybersecurity and privacy protection — Information security management systems — Requirements |
| ISO 21401:2018 | Tourism and related services — Sustainability management system for accommodation establishments — Requirements |
| ISO 30401:2018 | Knowledge management systems — Requirements |
| ISO 50001:2018 | Energy management systems — Requirements with guidance for use |
| ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018 | Information technology — Service management — Part 1: Service management system requirements |
| ISO 19443:2018 | Quality management systems — Specific requirements for the application of ISO 9001:2015 by organizations in the supply chain of the nuclear energy sector supplying products and services important to nuclear safety (ITNS) |

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| ISO/IEC 19770-1:2017 | Information technology — IT asset management — Part 1: IT asset management systems — Requirements |
| ISO 21001:2018 | Educational organizations — Management systems for educational organizations — Requirements with guidance for use |
| ISO 37001:2016 | Anti-bribery management systems — Requirements with guidance for use |
| ISO 41001:2018 | Facility management — Management systems — Requirements with guidance for use |
| ISO 44001:2017 | Collaborative business relationship management systems — Requirements and framework |
| ISO 14001:2015 | Environmental management systems — Requirements with guidance for use |
| ISO 15378:2017 | Primary packaging materials for medicinal products — Particular requirements for the application of ISO 9001:2015, with reference to good manufacturing practice (GMP) |
| ISO 18788:2015 | Management system for private security operations — Requirements with guidance for use |
| ISO 21101:2014 | Adventure tourism — Safety management systems — Requirements |
| ISO 22000:2018 | Food safety management systems — Requirements for any organization in the food chain |
| ISO 37101:2016 | Sustainable development in communities — Management system for sustainable development — Requirements with guidance for use |
| ISO 39001:2012 | Road traffic safety (RTS) management systems — Requirements with guidance for use |
| ISO 45001:2018 | Occupational health and safety management systems — Requirements with guidance for use |
| ISO 9001:2015 | Quality management systems — Requirements |