



Subject: Important Update: ISO introduces climate change requirements to management systems standards

Dear Valued Customers,

We hope this message finds you well. We are reaching out to inform you of an important development in ISO standards that aligns with global efforts to address climate change.

Recently, the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) has introduced new requirements aimed at supporting the climate agenda. These requirements emphasize the critical importance of considering climate change in the contextual analysis conducted by organizations and the needs of interested parties.

What standards?

The climate change amendment applies to all Type A ISO management system standards, i.e. those that specify requirements and to which companies can be certified. This includes the following standards: ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 15378, ISO 19443, ISO 21001, ISO 22000, ISO 22301, ISO 28000, ISO 29001, ISO 37001, ISO 45001, ISO 50001, ISO/IEC 20000 and ISO/IEC 27001 ([See full list of standards in joint Communiqué from IAF and ISO.](#))

What is the requirement?

The amendment is included in Chapter 4 of the Harmonized Structure (Appendix 2 of the Annex SL in the ISO/IEC Directives Part 1 Consolidated ISO Supplement):

- **4.1** Understanding the organization and its context where the following sentence is added: **“NOTE: The organization shall determine whether climate change is a relevant issue”**.
- **4.2** Understanding the needs and expectations of interested parties where the following sentence is added: **“NOTE: Relevant interested parties can have requirements related to climate change”**

What are the expectations from IAF?

See the expectation on the Certified Organisation, Certification Bodies, Accreditation Bodies, and timing: <https://iaf.nu/en/news/iaf-and-iso-publish-joint-communique/>

In short, the new requirement stipulates that organizations shall determine whether climate change is a relevant issue and whether relevant interested parties have requirements related to climate change. If found to be a relevant issue, climate change needs to be considered in the development and implementation of the management system.

Many organizations have already determined how climate change affects their businesses. For those who have yet to do so, this may be an opportunity to start assessing climate change risks and equip the management system to help tackle challenges.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these new requirements, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We look forward to continuing to serve you with excellence.

Thank you for your attention to this important update.

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