



Environmental Management Systems ISO 14001: 2004

As the world becomes increasingly aware of climate change and environmental issues, the need for effective environmental management is vital if organisations are to be competitive today, and remain so tomorrow.

ISO 14001 is the most widely regarded environmental management system standard and is recognised worldwide.

It addresses the way companies manage their effect on the environment and the measures they take to improve environmental performance. It does not specify levels of environmental performance. Instead, the purpose of this standard is to provide a framework for a whole-systems approach to the organisation's policy, plan and actions which can be used to meet internal and external objectives for environmental management.

ISO 14001 is a universal standard suitable for large and small businesses in any sector. Because it doesn't set out specific environmental performance requirements

it can be used by companies at all stages of environmental management.

The essential elements an organisation must take into account when seeking certification to ISO 14001 are that it must commit to continual improvement and to compliance with applicable regulations and legislation.

What are the benefits?

Having your environmental management system independently certified by BM TRADA will demonstrate your commitment to reducing your environmental impact, employing best practice and promoting sustainability. It will also provide assurance that your environmental management system is operating efficiently and effectively, improving cost savings and environmental

performance year after year.

Specifically, ISO 14001 will:

- provide assurance to management that there is a systematic way of identifying and controlling the company's impact on the environment
- provide assurance to employees, customers and regulators of the organisation's environmental responsibility
- demonstrate compliance with current legislation and regulations
- enhance business reputation and support the organisations claims about its environmental credentials
- result in improved efficiency and productivity – reducing costs
- provide a clear framework for improvement and monitoring.

How to achieve certification

01 Application and review

Complete the BM TRADA request for quote form. This allows us to accurately define your scope of certification and to provide you with a quotation and a competent audit team.

02 Initial certification audit (includes two mandatory visits)

Stage 1 – this audit is to confirm your readiness for the stage 2 audit. It includes:

- review of the management system documentation
- evaluation of the location and site specific conditions
- review of the status and understanding of the requirements of the standard
- evaluation of whether internal audits and management reviews are planned and performed.

Stage 2 – this audit is to confirm that your management system fully conforms with the requirements of the ISO 14001 standard. It includes:

- evaluation of the level of implementation and effectiveness of the management system according to the requirements of the standard
- a sample audit of the processes and activities defined in the scope
- provide a written report on the audit findings and non conformances that need to be addressed.

03 Certification

On completion of step two (and closure of any identified non-conformities) certification is granted by BM TRADA. You will be issued with a certificate and certification marks to demonstrate and promote your certification.

Certification is valid for three years and is maintained through a programme of annual surveillance audits and a recertification audit in the third year before the certification expires.

Additional services include:

- Quality – ISO 9001
- Energy – ISO 50001
- Health & safety – OHSAS 18001
- Integrated – ISO 9001, ISO 14001 & OHSAS 18001
- Information security – ISO 27001
- Food safety – ISO 22000 & HACCP
- BRC global standard food safety
- BRC global standard packaging
- UTZ certified cocoa & coffee
- Supply chain – palm oil & soy
- Chain of custody
- BM TRADA Q-Mark

Related training services:

- Environmental management systems internal auditing
- Environmental management systems lead auditor (IRCA Registered A17353)

Call us for a quote or to discuss your certification needs

Why BM TRADA?

Choosing BM TRADA means you are working with a major international certification body with an impressive record in management system certification. Our industry expertise and the standard of our services have helped us deliver certificates to businesses in 70 countries around the world.

We pride ourselves on being approachable and responsive, and on offering clear, transparent pricing with no hidden costs. Making us your certification partner means you will have a designated auditor who understands your business.

We can also provide a range of training courses, either to help you understand the requirements of a particular standard or to develop your skills as an auditor.



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