

Environmental Management Guidance Standard Now Published

Following the revision of ISO 14001, the newly revised ISO 14004 helps organizations get the most out of their environmental management system.

Managing environmental impacts – and the effects they are having on business – is a growing imperative for organizations, regardless of size or type. A sound environmental management system (EMS) helps measure and manage environmental factors, making it good not only for business but for society as a whole.

The newly revised [ISO 14004:2016](#), *Environmental management systems – General guidelines on implementation*, provides organizations with support to help with the implementation of an EMS. It is designed to complement, but is not limited to, ISO 14001, ISO's standard for environmental management systems.

This International Standard helps an organization achieve the intended outcomes of its environmental management system, which provides value for the environment, the organization itself and interested parties. Consistent with the organization's environmental policy, the intended outcomes of an environmental management system include:

- enhancement of environmental performance;
- fulfilment of compliance obligations;
- achievement of environmental objectives.

The guidance in this International Standard can help an organization to enhance its environmental performance, and enables the elements of the environmental management system to be integrated into its core business process.

ISO 14004:2016 is applicable to any organization, regardless of size, type and nature, and applies to the environmental aspects of its activities, products and services that the organization determines it can either control or influence, considering a life cycle perspective.

The guidance in this International Standard can be used in whole or in part to systematically improve environmental management. It serves to provide additional explanation of the concepts and requirements. While the guidance in this International Standard is consistent with the ISO 14001 environmental management system model, it is not intended to provide interpretations of the requirements of ISO 14001.

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