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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

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)

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