



Important information for Certification Bodies regarding transition to ISO 9001 and ISO 14001

As the three-year transition for ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 moves into its final year, IAF (the global association for developing the principles and practices for the conduct of conformity assessment) has passed [a resolution](#) that as of 15 March 2018, conformity assessment bodies must conduct all ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 initial, surveillance and recertification audits to the new versions - ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015.

This resolution continues the efforts of IAF, its accreditation body members, stakeholder members of IAF and accredited conformity assessment bodies, to encourage those who need to upgrade to the new versions of the world's leading management system standards.

Any organisations who need to move to the new version of ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 should contact their conformity assessment body as soon as possible to make arrangements for their audit. Further information on transition can be found on ISO 9001 [here](#) and ISO 14001 [here](#).

As noted in the [joint ISO/IAF Communiqué](#) on 15 September 2017 to mark one year to the transition deadline, the new versions of ISO 9001 and 14001 make very logical progressions from previous versions, delivering standards which address the key issues for both today and the future. The new ISO 9001 promotes enhanced leadership involvement in the management system, introduces risk-based thinking and aligns the quality management system policy and objectives with the strategy of the organisation. The changes in ISO 14001 focus on key issues such as protecting the environment improving environmental performance, lifecycle thinking and organisations' environmental leadership.

Note that failure to achieve certification to the 2015 standard by the deadline means that your certification is no longer valid and this may affect your ability to supply to all markets.

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