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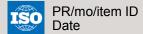
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Overview of ISO 9001 and ISO 14001

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ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 in brief

- ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 are among ISO's most well known standards ever.
- They are implemented by more than a million organizations in some **175 countries**.
- ISO 9001 helps organizations to implement quality management.
- ISO 14001 helps organizations to implement environmental management.



Quality management

- ISO 9001 is for **quality management**.
- **Quality** refers to all those features of a product (or service) which are required by the customer.
- Quality management means what the organization does to
- ensure that its products or services satisfy the customer's quality requirements and
- comply with any regulations applicable to those products or services.



Quality management (cont.)

- Quality management also means what the organization does to
- enhance customer satisfaction, and
- achieve **continual improvement** of its performance.



Environmental management

- ISO 14001 is for **environmental management**. This means what the organization does to:
- **minimize harmful effects** on the environment caused by its activities,
- to conform to applicable regulatory requirements, and to
- achieve continual improvement of its environmental performance.



Generic standards

ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 are generic standards.

- **Generic** means that the same standards can be applied:
- to **any organization**, large or small, whatever its product or service,
- in any sector of activity, and
- whether it is a business enterprise, a public administration, or a government department.



Generic standards (cont.)

Generic also signifies that

- no matter what the organization's scope of activity
- if it wants to establish a **quality management system**, ISO 9001 gives the essential features
- or if it wants to establish an environmental management system, ISO 14001 gives the essential features.



Management systems

- Management system means what the organization does to manage its processes, or activities in order that
- its products or services meet the organization's objectives, such as
- satisfying the customer's quality requirements,
- complying to regulations, or
- meeting environmental objectives



Management systems

- To be really efficient and effective, the organization can manage its way of doing things by **systemizing** it.
- Nothing important is left out.
- Everyone is clear about who is responsible for doing what, when, how, why and where.
- Management system standards provide the organization with an international, state-of-the-art model to follow.



Management systems (cont.)

- Large organizations, or ones with complicated processes, could not function well without management systems.
- Companies in such fields as aerospace, automobiles, defence, or health care devices have been operating management systems for years.
- The ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 management system standards now make these successful practices available for all organizations.



Processes, not products

- Both ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 concern the way an organization goes about its work.
- They are not product standards.
- They are not service standards.
- They are **process** standards.
- They can be used by product manufacturers and service providers.



Processes, not products (cont.)

- Processes affect final products or services.
- ISO 9001 gives the requirements for what the organization must do to manage processes affecting quality of its products and services.
- ISO 14001 gives the requirements for what the organization must do to manage processes affecting the impact of its activities on the environment.



Certification and registration

- Certification is known in some countries as registration.
- It means that an independent, external body has audited an organization's management system and verified that it conforms to the requirements specified in the standard (ISO 9001 or ISO 14001).
- ISO does not carry out certification and does not issue or approve certificates,



Accreditation

- Accreditation is like certification of the certification body.
- It means the formal approval by a specialized body an accreditation body - that a certification body is competent to carry out ISO 9001:2008 or ISO 14001:2004 certification in specified business sectors.
- Certificates issued by accredited certification bodies and known as accredited certificates - may be perceived on the market as having increased credibility.
- ISO does not carry out or approve accreditations.



Certification not a requirement

- Certification is not a requirement of ISO 9001 or ISO 14001.
- The organization can implement and benefit from an ISO 9001 or ISO 14001 system without having it certified.
- The organization can implement them for the internal benefits without spending money on a certification programme.



Certification is a business decision

- Certification is a decision to be taken for business reasons:
- if it is a contractual, regulatory, or market requirement,
- If it meets customer preferences
- it is part of a risk management programme, or
- if it will motivate staff by setting a clear goal.



ISO does not certify

- ISO does not carry out ISO 9001 or ISO 14001 certification.
- ISO does not issue certificates.
- ISO does not accredit, approve or control the certification bodies.
- ISO develops standards and guides to encourage good practice in accreditation and certification.



The ISO 9000 family

- **ISO 9001** is the standard that gives the requirements for a **quality management system**.
- ISO 9001:2008 is the latest, improved version.
- It is the **only standard** in the ISO 9000 family that can be used for **certification**.
- There are **16 other standards** in the family that can help an organization on specific aspects such as performance improvement, auditing, training...



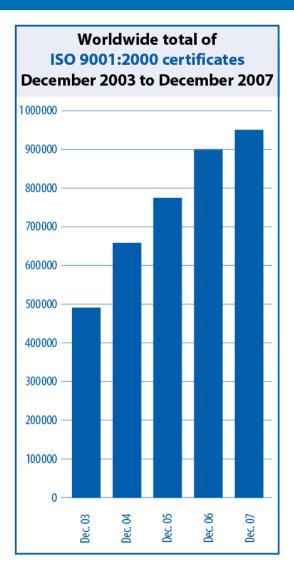
The ISO 14000 family

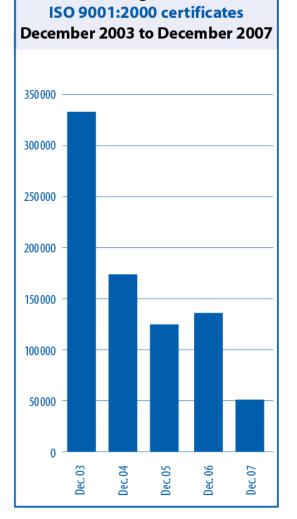
- **ISO 14001** is the standard that gives the requirements for an **environmental management system**.
- **ISO 14001:2004** is the latest, improved version.
- It is the **only standard** in the ISO 14000 family that can be used for **certification**.
- The ISO 14000 family includes 21 other standards that can help an organization specific aspects such as auditing, environmental labelling, life cycle analysis...

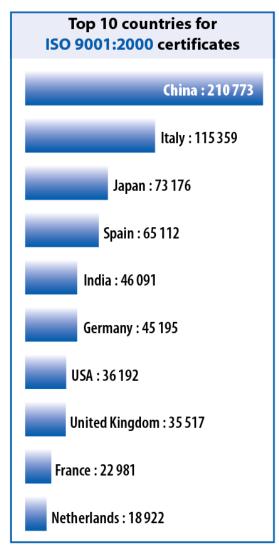


The ISO Survey

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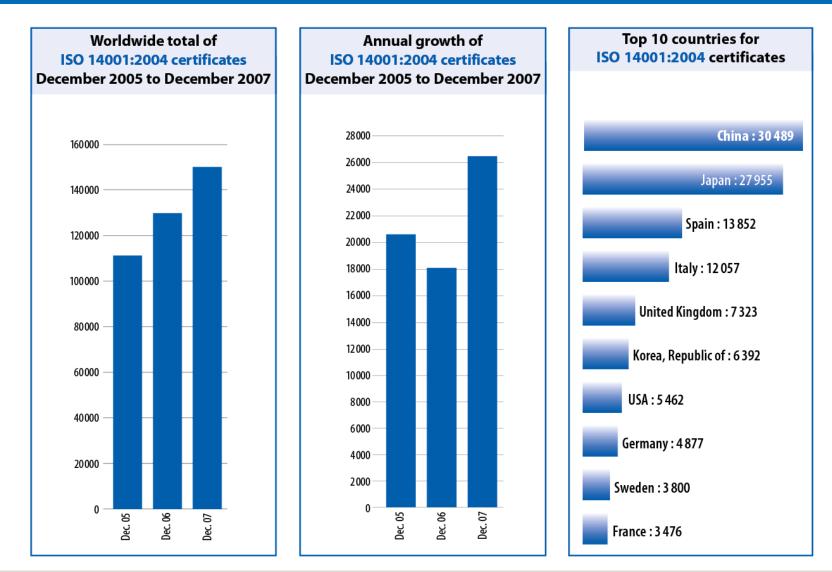


The ISO Survey (cont.)

- The worldwide total of certificates to ISO 9001:2001 at the end of 2007 was 951 486.
- This was **increase of 6 %** over 2006 when the total was 896 929 certificates.
- Certificates had been issued in **175 countries** compared to 170 the previous year.



The ISO Survey (cont.)





The ISO Survey (cont.)

- The worldwide total of ISO 14001 certificates at the end of 2007 was 154 572.
- This was an increase of 21 % over 2006 when the total was 128 211.
- Certificates had been issued in **148 countries** compared to 140 the year before.



Benefits of ISO 9001 and ISO 14001

- International, expert consensus on state-of-the-art practices for quality and environmental management.
- Common language for dealing with customers and suppliers worldwide in B2B.
- Increase efficiency and effectiveness.
- Model for continual improvement.



Benefits of ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 (cont.)

- Model for satisfying customers and other stakeholders.
- Build quality into products and services from design onwards.
- Address environmental concerns of customers and public, and comply with government regulations.
- Integrate with global economy.



Benefits of ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 (cont.)

- Sustainable business
- Unifying base for industry sectors
- Qualify suppliers for global supply chains
- Technical support for regulations



Benefits of ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 (cont.)

- Transfer of good practice to developing countries
- Tools for new economic players
- Regional integration
- Facilitate rise of services



More information

• ISO 9000/ISO 14000 section on **ISO Web site**:

www.iso.org

- ISO Management Systems magazine
 www.iso.org/ims
- IMS Alerts free electronic newsletter

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