BUSINESS CHALLENGE

Care for the environment improves the image of your company. At the same time, the appropriate management of environmental issues contributes positively to economic gain and increases the competitiveness of the company. Proof of a responsible approach is fast becoming a key purchasing criteria. Environmentally conscious client prefers to do business with like-minded companies, i.e. those who demonstrate their commitment through internationally recognized standards such as the ISO 14000 series.

SOLUTION

What is ISO 14001?
ISO 14001:2004 is a part of a series of international standards applicable to any organization, anywhere relating to environmental management. Based on the Plan-Do-Check-Act cycle, ISO 14001: 2004 specifies the most important requirements to identify, control and monitor the environmental aspects of any organization, and also how to manage and improve the whole system.

What are the key benefits?
- Customer, investor, public, community assurance by demonstrating commitment
- Improving cost control through conserving input materials and energy
- Reducing incidents that result in liability, therefore reducing insurance costs
- Assisting the attainment of permits and authorizations for local trade.

WHY CHOOSE BUREAU VERITAS?

- Recognition - Bureau Veritas Certification is recognized by more than 40 national and international accreditation bodies across the world. Bureau Veritas Certification was the first certification body worldwide to be accredited for ISO 14001 certification.
- Network - 5,700 skilled auditors operating in more than 100 countries offer a unique combination of international and local expertise providing consistent services wherever our clients are.
- Expertise - Bureau Veritas Certification relies on a pool of more than 400 environmental auditors possessing an extensive experience in environmental and technical issues, as well as in depth knowledge of local regulations, markets and language that enables them to provide solutions adapted to your needs.
- Leadership - Bureau Veritas Certification is the worldwide market leader with over 9,000 companies in 80 countries already certified to ISO 14001:2004.
- Mark of Global recognition - The Bureau Veritas Certification mark is a globally recognized symbol of your organization’s ongoing commitment to excellence, sustainability and reliability.

RELATED SERVICES

Integrated certification
Bureau Veritas Certification offers the possibility of integrated and/or combined certification with other schemes such as ISO 9001, OHSAS 18001 and/or sector specific schemes (AS/EN 9001...). This delivers greater audit efficiency, consistency and optimization.

Other services
Beyond ISO 14001:2004, Bureau Veritas Certification offers services related to corporate responsibility and sustainable development that include:
- Assurance of Sustainability Reports (GRI, AA 1000...)
- Social Accountability (SA 8000, ISO 26000, Codes of Conduct)
- Climate Change validation and verification services (CDM, JI, EU ETS, VCS, Gold Standard, CCX, CCAR, ISO 14064, PAS 2050, Carbon Progress...)

ISO 14001 CERTIFICATION

Proving your responsibility to the environment.
OUR CERTIFICATION PROCESS

Key steps in our certification process are:
- Definition of certification scope
- Pre-audit (optional): gap analysis and diagnosis of your current position against standard
- Certification audit performed in 2 stages:
  - Stage 1 – readiness review performed to verify that the organization is ready for certification
  - Stage 2 – evaluation of implementation, including the effectiveness of the management system of the organization
- A certificate valid for 3 years is issued upon satisfactory results of stage 2 audit
- Surveillance audits to verify that the management system continues to fulfill the requirements of the standard and monitor the continual improvement
- Re-certification after 3 years to confirm the continued conformance and effectiveness of the management system as a whole

FAQ

Which areas are covered by the ISO 14000 series?
The key areas covered by this series are:
- Environmental Management Systems (EMS)
- Environmental Auditing
- Environmental Labels and Declarations
- Environmental Performance Evaluation
- Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)
- Environmental Communication
- Greenhouse Gases (GHG) Monitoring

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