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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 some 887 770 organizations in 161 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 9001:2000 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 90001 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.

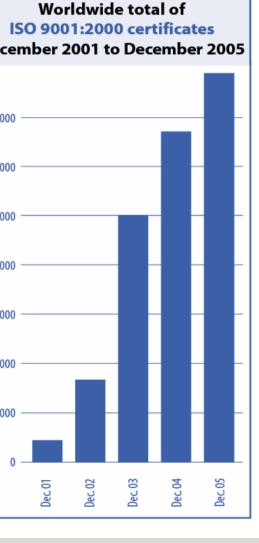
The ISO 9000 family

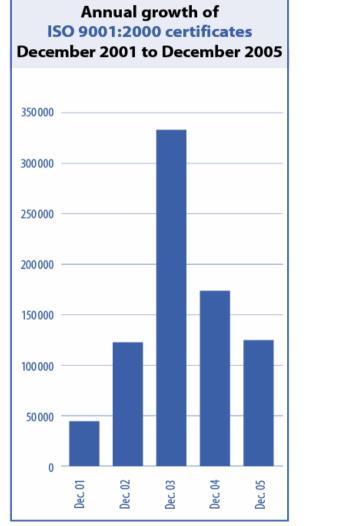
- ISO 9001 is the standard that gives the requirements for a quality management system.
- ISO 9001:2000 is the latest, improved version.
- It is the only standard in the ISO 9000 family that can be used for certification.
- There are **14 other standards** in the family that can help an organization on specific aspects such as performance improvement, auditing, training...

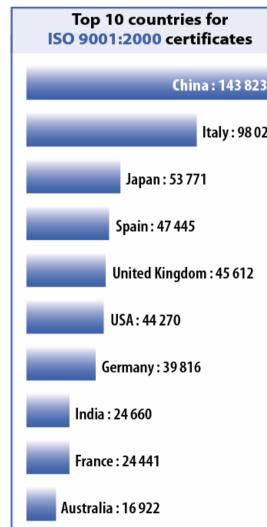
The ISO 14000 family

- 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



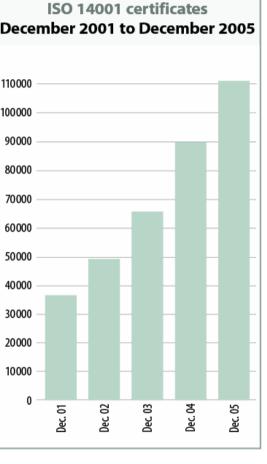




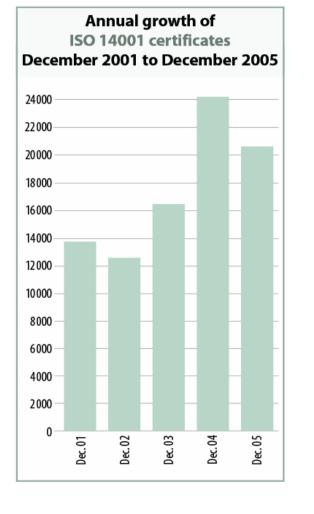
The ISO Survey (cont.)

- The worldwide total of certificates to ISO 9001:2000 at the end of 2005 was 776 608.
- This was increase of 18 % over 2004 when the total was 660 132 certificates.
- Certificates had been issued in 161 countries compared to 154 the previous year.

The ISO Survey (cont.)



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The ISO Survey (cont.)

- The worldwide total of ISO 14001 certificates at the end of 2005 was 111 162.
- This was an increase of 24 % over 2004 when the total was 89 937.
- Certificates had been issued in **138 countries** compared to 127 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**:

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