

Introduction

This document provides a matrix that correlates the new requirements of ISO 14001:2015 to the old requirements of ISO 14001:2004 and should be used to determine where the new and amended clauses are located. Many of the requirements from ISO 14001:2004 are present with ISO 14001:2015.

Correlation Matrix

ISO 14001:2015 to ISO 14001:2004

ISO 14001:2015		ISO 14001:2004		Summary of Changes
4	Context of the Organization	4	EMS Requirements	Title only
4.1	Understanding the Organization and its Context	1.1	General	This new requirement requires an organisation to demonstrate that it understands all internal and external influences that may affect its strategic direction and market position and what effect any changes may have on its future.
4.2	Understanding the Needs and Expectations of Interested Parties	1.1	General	This is a new requirement which requires the organisation to determine the boundaries and applicability of the EMS. It also makes reference to 4.1.
4.3	Determining the Scope of the EMS	4.1	General Requirements	This requirement is comparable to ISO 14001:2004 Clause 4 - EMS and Clause 4.1 – General Requirements. Organizations should review their process-based management system to ensure that it captures elements from 4.1 and 4.2.
4.4	Environmental Management System	4.1	General Requirements	Process approach – now a stated requirement but the content is largely the same as previous Clause 4.1 apart from a requirement to determine the risks to conformity if processes are ineffective.
5	Leadership	N/A	None	Title only
5.1	Leadership and Commitment	N/A	New Requirement	Top management is now required to demonstrate leadership and commitment in regard to the EMS. They should ensure that the quality policy and objectives are compatible with the business's strategic direction that the policy is understood and followed, and the EMS is integrated into the organization's business processes.
5.2	Environmental Policy	4.2	Environmental Policy	Includes an additional requirement to make the policy available to interested parties and being available as documented information.