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IRQS latest updates

IAF and ISO have published a joint communique, highlighting the changes being made to a number of Management Systems Standards (MSS), in the form of additional text highlighting the importance of Climate Change as a consideration within the organisational context for the management system concerned.

https://iaf.nu/iaf_system/uploads/documents/Joint_ISO-IAF_Communique_re_Climate_Changpdatese_Amds_to_ISO_MSS_Feb_2024_Final.pdf

As the joint communique explains, the changes having been instigated in response to the London Declaration on Climate Action. Following on from this, the IAF has issued a Decision in answer to a technical paper on this topic as discussed at the 2023 IAF Technical Committee meeting.

https://iaf.nu/general_information/iaf-technical-committee-tc-searchable-decision-log/

The purpose of this Technical Bulletin, in line with the IAF Decision, is to clarify the expectations for management systems CBs and their certified clients, Certification Bodies (CBs), noting that, as stated in the joint communique:

“The overall intent of the requirements for clauses 4.1 and 4.2 remain unchanged; these clauses already include the need for the organization to consider all internal and external issues that can impact the effectiveness of their management system; these new inclusions are assuring that Climate Change is considered within the management system and that it is an external factor that is important enough for our community to require organizations to consider it now.”

Expectations on Certified Organization:

Certified organisations should already be determining all internal and external issues that are relevant to the management system’s purpose, its strategic direction and that affect its ability to achieve the intended result(s).

Over time these issues are likely to change for an organisation and this includes climate change which has been clarified by the amendment in Clause 4.1 and 4.2.

Expectations on Certification Bodies:

IRQS shall audit these clauses to ensure that all internal and external issues, which includes Climate, Change have been determined by their clients as relevant or not and if so, considered in the development and effectiveness of the management system(s). IRQS may need to consider.

- New risks and opportunities
- New compliance obligations
- New requirements for internal and external communication
- Changes in operations that may lead to changes in resources and/or required competence.
- New monitoring requirements

Therefore, following publication, certification bodies need to include the new text in their auditing of the organisation and its context. As with normal practice, where a certified organisation cannot demonstrate that all external and internal issues, including climate change, have been determined as relevant or not, a suitable finding should be raised.

Timeline

The changes to the standards were published on 22 February 2024. As noted above, issues related to Climate Change affecting the context of an organisations' management system(s) are typically already being considered by organisations.

Certificates

The IAF Decision states that an update to the certificate is not necessary on the grounds that: –

- the publication year of each MSS will not change.
- there is no change in the scope of application for the certified MS.
- there is no significant impact on the effectiveness of the certified MS.
- the change does not affect the current required activities by the certified organisation apart from highlighting one aspect.

The management system standards affected are:

- ISO 22301:2019 : Security and resilience Business continuity management systems Requirements
- ISO 28000:2022 : Security and resilience Security management systems Requirements
- ISO 29001:2020 : Petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries Sector-specific quality management systems Requirements for product and service supply organizations
- ISO/IEC 27001:2022 : Information security, cyber security and privacy protection Information security management systems Requirements
- ISO 50001:2018 : Energy management systems Requirements with guidance for use
- ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018 : Information technology Service management Part 1: Service management system Requirements
- ISO 21001:2018 : Educational organizations Management systems for educational organizations Requirements with guidance for use
- ISO 37001 : Anti-bribery management systems
- ISO 14001:2015 : Environmental management systems Requirements with guidance for use
- ISO 22000:2018 : Food safety management systems Requirements for any organization in the food Chain
- ISO 45001:2018 : Occupational health and safety management systems Requirements with guidance for use
- ISO 9001:2015 : Quality management systems Requirements

ISO GUIDE 84:2020(E)

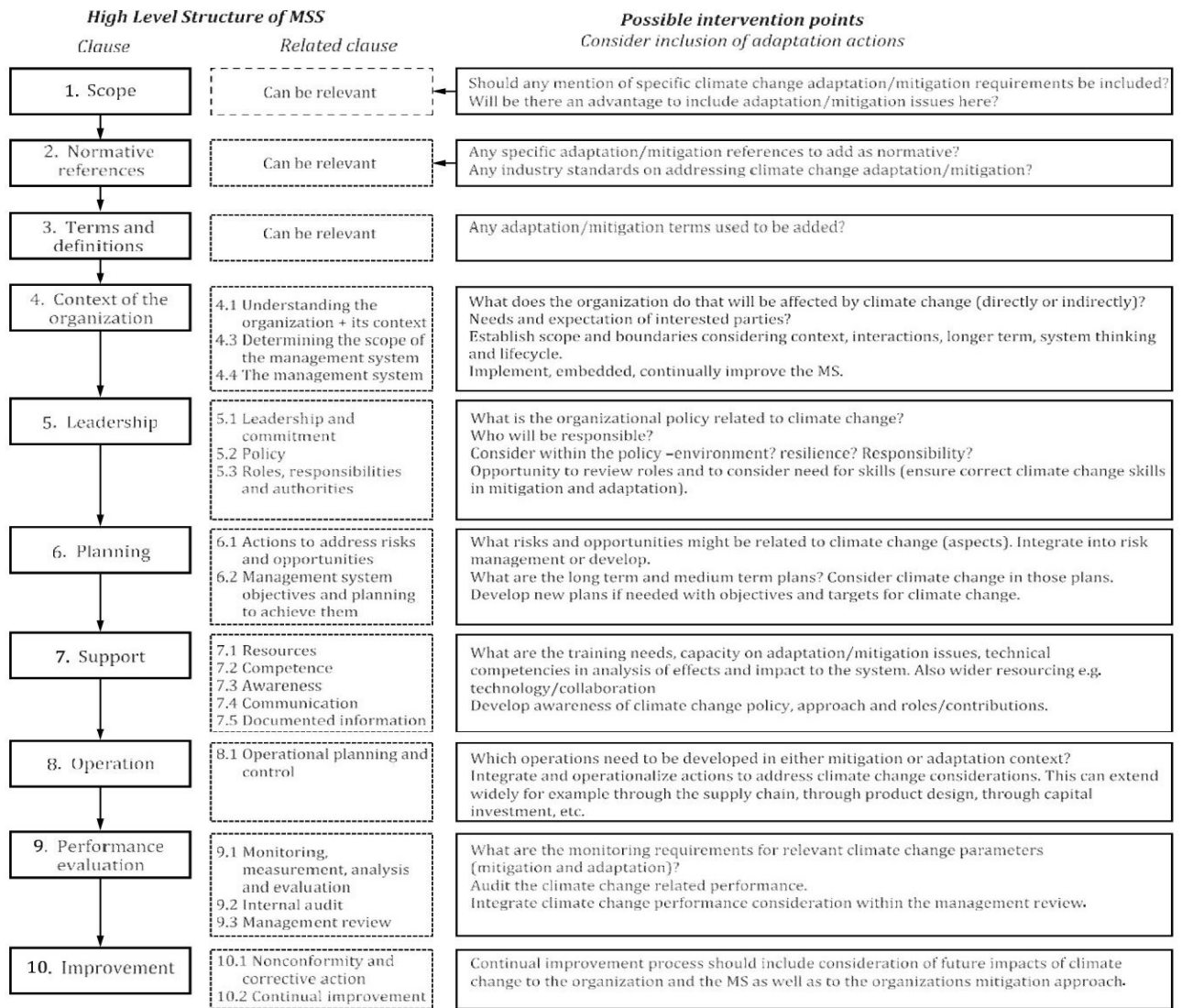


Figure 7 — Possible intervention points for considering climate actions in a management system standard



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IAF/ISO Joint Communiqué on the addition of Climate Change considerations to Management Systems Standards.

1. Introduction

The purpose of this communiqué is to highlight the publication of Climate Action Amendments to existing and new ISO Management Systems Standards (MSS) to reflect ISO's Climate Action commitments.

It is important that all parties understand the intent so that the changes can be consistently introduced and implemented.

2. Addition of Climate Change considerations to the Management Systems Standards

2.1 Decision

In support of the [ISO London Declaration](#) on Climate Change, ISO passed a resolution that will result in two new statements of text being added to a number of existing management systems standards, and will be included in all new standards under development/revision, to address the need to consider the effect of Climate Change on the ability to achieve the intended results of the management system. The changes will be introduced initially as Amendments to these published standards.

The changes (two new statements) will be incorporated into the new text of the Harmonized Structure (Appendix 2 of the Annex SL in the ISO/IEC Directives Part 1 Consolidated ISO Supplement) as follows.

The amendments to the standards will be published on February 23rd 2024.

4.1 Understanding the organization and its context.

The organization shall determine external and internal issues that are relevant to its purpose and that affect its ability to achieve the intended result(s) of its XXX management system.

Added: The organization shall determine whether climate change is a relevant issue.

4.2 Understanding the needs and expectations of interested parties.

The organization shall determine:

- the interested parties that are relevant to the XXX management system.
- the relevant requirements of these interested parties.
- which of these requirements will be addressed through the XXX management system.

Added: NOTE: Relevant interested parties can have requirements related to climate change.

2.2 Intent of the changes

The intent is to ensure that Climate Change issues are considered by the organization in the context of the effectiveness of the management system, in addition to all other issues. These additional statements in each management system standard are ensuring that this important topic is not overlooked but considered by all organizations in the design and implementation of the management system.

The overall intent of the requirements for clauses 4.1 and 4.2 remain unchanged; these clauses already include the need for the organization to consider all internal and external issues that can impact the effectiveness of their management system; these new inclusions are assuring that Climate Change is considered within the management system and that it is an external factor that is important enough for our community to require organizations to consider it now.

It should be noted that Climate Change can have a different effect on each management system component; for example, the effect on a Quality Management System could be very different to that on a Health and Safety Management System.

It is not the intention of the changes to (for example) turn a health and safety management system audit or a road traffic safety management system audit into one that disproportionality considers Climate Change, though this does not of course understate the importance of Climate Change.

IAF and ISO would like to emphasise that Climate Change is a vital topic and, while the addition of climate considerations is highly important, the standards have always included the need for all issues affecting the management systems to be considered by the organization. Therefore, many organizations implementing MSS will already be taking Climate Change into account.

Further useful information:

- [ISO TMBG JTCG webpage Deploying ISO's London Declaration to Climate Action via Management System Standards](#)
- [about climate change adaptation and mitigation](#)

For organizations holding certifications to management system standards and accredited certification bodies, [IAF](#) will provide further guidance.

Type A MSS standards amended

ISO 14298:2021	Graphic technology — Management of security printing processes
ISO 16000-40:2019	Indoor air — Part 40: Indoor air quality management system
ISO 22163:2023	Railway applications — Railway quality management system — ISO 9001:2015 and specific requirements for application in the railway sector
ISO 22301:2019	Security and resilience — Business continuity management systems — Requirements
ISO 28000:2022	Security and resilience — Security management systems — Requirements
ISO 29001:2020	Petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries — Sector-specific quality management systems — Requirements for product and service supply organizations
ISO 30301:2019	Information and documentation — Management systems for records — Requirements
ISO 34101-1:2019	Sustainable and traceable cocoa — Part 1: Requirements for cocoa sustainability management systems
ISO 35001:2019	Biorisk management for laboratories and other related organisations
ISO 37301:2021	Compliance management systems — Requirements with guidance for use
ISO 46001:2019	Water efficiency management systems — Requirements with guidance for use
ISO/IEC 27001:2022	Information security, cybersecurity and privacy protection — Information security management systems — Requirements
ISO 21401:2018	Tourism and related services — Sustainability management system for accommodation establishments — Requirements
ISO 30401:2018	Knowledge management systems — Requirements
ISO 50001:2018	Energy management systems — Requirements with guidance for use
ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018	Information technology — Service management — Part 1: Service management system requirements
ISO 19443:2018	Quality management systems — Specific requirements for the application of ISO 9001:2015 by organizations in the supply chain of the nuclear energy sector supplying products and services important to nuclear safety (ITNS)

ISO/IEC 19770-1:2017	Information technology — IT asset management — Part 1: IT asset management systems — Requirements
ISO 21001:2018	Educational organizations — Management systems for educational organizations — Requirements with guidance for use
ISO 37001:2016	Anti-bribery management systems — Requirements with guidance for use
ISO 41001:2018	Facility management — Management systems — Requirements with guidance for use
ISO 44001:2017	Collaborative business relationship management systems — Requirements and framework
ISO 14001:2015	Environmental management systems — Requirements with guidance for use
ISO 15378:2017	Primary packaging materials for medicinal products — Particular requirements for the application of ISO 9001:2015, with reference to good manufacturing practice (GMP)
ISO 18788:2015	Management system for private security operations — Requirements with guidance for use
ISO 21101:2014	Adventure tourism — Safety management systems — Requirements
ISO 22000:2018	Food safety management systems — Requirements for any organization in the food chain
ISO 37101:2016	Sustainable development in communities — Management system for sustainable development — Requirements with guidance for use
ISO 39001:2012	Road traffic safety (RTS) management systems — Requirements with guidance for use
ISO 45001:2018	Occupational health and safety management systems — Requirements with guidance for use
ISO 9001:2015	Quality management systems — Requirements