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ISO Climate Amendment (2024)

Climate action changes to ISO management system standards (Amendment 1:2024)

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IN FORCE In force since February 2024. Built into ISO 9001:2026 and ISO 14001:2026; it still applies as an amendment to standards not yet revised, such as ISO 45001:2018 and ISO/IEC 27001:2022.

What It Covers

Two additions to clauses 4.1 and 4.2 of the management system standards: the organization determines whether climate change is a relevant issue, and notes that interested parties can have climate-related requirements.

Who It Applies To

Every organization certified to an affected ISO management system standard.

Key Requirements

- A recorded decision on whether climate change is relevant to the system (4.1).
- Interested parties' climate-related requirements considered (4.2).
- Where relevant, the consequences carried into risks, objectives, and controls.

What an Auditor Asks to See

- The context review that records the climate decision, and the reasoning behind it.

Where Systems Fall Short

- A one-line "not relevant" with no reasoning.

How QES helps. Context reviews that make a defensible decision on climate and carry it into the system. See the gap assessment: qesisbest.com/services.html#gap-assessment · +1 (401) 246-3204 · mweeden@qesisbest.com

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