New International Occupational Health & Safety Management System

Why it’s better for your organization?

Executive Briefing

ISO 45001, Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S) management system will be the world’s first OH&S international standard. It is now in the final stages of development as the second Draft International Standard (ISO/DIS 45001.2) has been published. It will help thousands of organizations to provide a safe and healthy workplace for their workers and other people, prevent deaths, work-related injury and ill-health, and to continually improve their OH&S performance. With the new standard organizations will be better equipped to improve their resilience by anticipating, adapting and responding to risks so they can survive and prosper.

Occupational Health & Safety Management Systems ISO 45001

Every day across the globe, horrific statistics for health and safety incidents, accidents and their related costs are recorded.

- 1 worker dies every 15 seconds*
- 153 workers have an accident every 15 seconds*
- 2.3m deaths per annum*
- 317m accidents per annum*

With an international standard to refer to, together with the right infrastructure and training, organizations will be able to address these risks better in future.

The new standard, due to for final publication in late 2017, will include a number of key changes bringing the following new benefits:

Bringing health and safety and continuous improvement into the heart of your business

ISO 45001 is an opportunity for organizations to align their strategic direction with their OH&S management system and increase focus on improving occupational health and safety performance. Being recognized globally, the standard will ensure that your customers will understand how OH&S is managed across the business.

Leadership

There is a greater focus on top management to demonstrate leadership and commitment with respect to the management system and to ensure consultation and participation of workers in the development, planning, implementation and continual improvement of the OH&S management system. Top management have a responsibility to ensure that the importance of effective OH&S management is communicated and understood by all parties and ensuring that the OH&S management system achieves its intended outcomes.

Introduction of risk & opportunity management

The introduction of a more holistic risk and opportunity management into the OH&S management system now reinforces its use as a governance tool. It will enable the identification of opportunities that contribute to further improvement in OH&S performance and improved worker safety. Organizations will improve their ability to identify and manage risks more effectively making it more resilient.

An integrated approach

ISO 45001 is based on Annex SL – the new ISO high level structure (HLS) that brings a common framework to all management systems. This helps to keep consistency, align different management system standards, offer matching sub-clauses against the top-level structure and apply common language across all standards. With the new standard in place, organizations will find it easier to incorporate their OH&S management system into the core business processes and get more involvement from senior management.

*ILO global statistics Jan 2016
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