



GUIDELINES FOR TRANSITION

FROM ISO 14001:2004 TO ISO 14001:2015



General:

ISO 14001:2004 has been revised and the updated version ISO 14001:2015 has been published by ISO on September 15, 2015. The transition period have been decided as three years from the date of publication of the revised standard. Accordingly, all certificates issued under ISO 14001:2004 will not be valid after September 15, 2018. Even the expiry date of certification to ISO 14001:2004 issued during the transition period shall be the end of the transition period i.e September 15, 2018.

Certified organisations using ISO 14001:2004 are recommended to take the following actions:-

- I. Identify the organisational gaps which needs to be addressed to meet new requirements*
- II. Develop an implementation plan*
- III. Provide appropriate training and awareness for all parties that have an impact on the effectiveness of the organisation*
- IV. update the existing environmental management system to meet the revised requirements and provide verification of the effectiveness.*



KBS will implement the transition in the phased manner as under:-

For New Applicants:

KBS will not accept any new applications as per ISO 14001:2004 from 1st Jan 2017. All applications thereafter will be accepted only as ISO 14001:2015.

The validity of the certificates granted to organisations as per ISO 14001:2004 may be increased to make the certificate valid for a full three years after ascertaining the conformity to ISO 14001:2015.

For Existing Certified Organisations:

KBS will undertake all audits including surveillance or recertification as per ISO 14001:2015 only from Jan 1, 2017. However, any non compliance with the new requirements will be treated as ‘ Observations’ only however, the non compliance against ISO 14001:2004 will be treated as ‘ Non Compliance’. The observations pending or raised on or after September 15, 2017 will be treated as Non-conformity without impacting the certification

status of the client. The nonconformities pending on September 15, 2018 may affect the certification status of the organisation depending upon the severity and may lead to cancellation of the certification granted. The certificates of organisations who fail to complete the transition by September 15, 2018 will be treated as invalid however the certificate may be reinstated after ensuring the compliance with ISO 14001:2015.

The certification to ISO 14001:2015 will be made only after KBS ensure that all identified outstanding findings/ non conformities have been appropriately addressed and the effectiveness of the management system demonstrated.

For any Clarification Contact:

*HO: 414-424, Om Shubham Tower, Neelam
Bata Road, N.I.T. Faridabad-121 001, Haryana,
India,
Tel: +91 - 129 - 4034513, 4054513, 4035138,
4178070 - 74,
Fax: +91 - 129 – 4035139,
email: certification@kbsindia.in*