



National Accreditation Scheme

Transition Policy from MSZ EN ISO 14001:2005 to MSZ EN ISO 14001:2015

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Introduction

The purpose of this policy is to describe how the accreditation system of the National Accreditation Authority (hereinafter is referred to as NAH) and accredited certifying bodies registered with NAH shift from the MSZ EN ISO 14001:2005 standard to the MSZ EN ISO 14001:2015 standard.

1. International requirements

The International Accreditation Forum (IAF) has stipulated a period of 3 years for transition from ISO 14001:2005 to ISO 14001:2015.

According to IAF's ID 10:2015 document, environmental management system (EMS) certificates issued in accordance with ISO 14001:2004 (MSZ EN ISO 14001:2005) are valid for 3 years from the date of publication of ISO 14001:2015.

During the transition period, the ISO 14001:2015 publication date must be taken into account when determining the expiry of certificates issued in accordance with ISO 14001:2005. Therefore, no expiry date falling after 15 September 2018 can be given.

ISO 14001:2015 standard was published on 15 September 2015; accordingly, EMS certificates issued in accordance with ISO 14001:2004 (MSZ EN ISO 14001:2005) remain valid until 15 September 2018. As from 16 September 2018, certificates issued under ISO 14001:2004 (MSZ EN ISO 14001:2005) will cease to be effective.

A certification body can prove compliance of its certification activities with MSZ EN ISO 14001:2015 standard within the scope of a scheduled accreditation procedure; annual surveillance visits; or unscheduled surveillance visits.

As from 16 September 2018, accredited certification bodies can only issue certificates under ISO 14001:2015 (MSZ EN ISO 14001:2015).

2. Rules of application

2.1.1 In order to ensure transition by accredited EMS certification bodies by the required deadline, NAH has determined the following deadlines for the planning of evaluation processes:

- Applications for accreditation and surveillance related to certification under MSZ EN ISO 14001:2015 will be admitted by NAH from 01 April 2016.
- Certification bodies can request assessment of compliance within the scope of unscheduled surveillance audits, which requests will be admitted by NAH between 01 April 2016 and 01 April 2018.
- Certification bodies have until 31 December 2016 to submit applications for accreditation and surveillance audits under MSZ EN ISO 14001:2005.
- As from 01 January 2017, NAH will only admit applications under MSZ EN ISO 14001:2015.

- As of 16 September 2018, NAH will withdraw accredited statuses proving compliance of certification activities with MSZ EN ISO 14001:2005 and granted with a validity date falling after 15 September 2018.
- In the event of failure to meet the above deadlines, NAH will not be in a position to ensure that certification bodies fulfil MSZ EN ISO 14001:2015 accreditation requirements for EMS certification by the deadline set by IAF.

2.1.2 NAH will evaluate compliance of transition by way of document reviews, local visits and surveillance audits applied in combination.

2.2 The tasks of certification bodies for the transition period

For NAH to be able to plan a programme for accrediting transition to NSZ EN ISO 14001:2015 and thus to ensure that accredited transition processes and their conditions are in place and in line with certification bodies' plans, certification bodies must submit their schedules of transition to certification under MSZ EN ISO 14001:2015 to the NAH Office by 31 March 2016.

When putting together transition schedules, the following must be borne in mind:

- preparation of internal staff and auditors; competency evaluation; documented verification of preparedness;
- method to notify existing and future clients concerning the transition period and requirements;
- overview of auditing and certification activities over time and their scheduling;
- overview of the certification period and the transition cycle;
- time scheduling of certification decisions necessary for updating certificates.

3. Closing provisions

3.1 This policy is issued by NAH's General Director by way of General Director's Instruction No. 21/2016.

3.2 This General Director's Instruction will take effect as of 22 August 2016 and expire on 15 September 2018.

3.3 This General Director's Instruction will be deemed to be published by appearance on NAH's website (www.nah.gov.hu).