

INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS COMBINED AUDITS

TOTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE SOLUTIONS

By using a combined or integrated approach across all audit criteria, you'll gain efficiencies that may not be achieved by auditing individual management systems.



Organizations in every industry face a myriad of challenges and barriers to market. Customers often have their own unique quality requirements; complying with all of those requirements can result in complex administration and increased overhead.

The Solution

Intertek offers two ways for you to combine audits to multiple standards.

- A combined audit occurs when management system audits related to different audit criteria (standards) are conducted simultaneously.
- An integrated audit is the assessment of an integrated management system, which is a single management system that fully or partially integrates the requirements of different audit criteria.

A combined or integrated audit can bring many benefits to your organization, including:


- Lower certification costs, through a reduction of auditor-days and/or expenses
- Fewer interruptions for your organization—you can meet all requirements in a single audit
- Streamlined processes and more consistent objectives across multiple systems
- Reduced documentation, including a single audit report

Many organizations choose to combine audits to ISO 9001 and ISO 14001, or ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001. Many other combinations are possible.


Who should consider this option?

Integrated management systems can be implemented by organizations of any size or sector, looking to integrate two or more of their management systems into one unified system with a set of documentation, policies, procedures and processes. Typically, organizations that will consider this step are those who have maturing management systems and who are also considering simplifying their system and lowering their costs.

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