



## **Important Communication for RCA Certification Clients.**

Recently, the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) has made significant updates to several Standards for Management Systems, placing a new emphasis on the importance of addressing climate change in business settings. These changes tend to make organizations take sustainability and climate change issues seriously so that they play a central role in business operations.

### **What Changes?**

Here are the main changes:

1. Clause 4.1: Now, in addition to understanding the organization and its context, companies must assess whether climate change is a relevant factor.
2. Clause 4.2: On understanding the needs and expectations of stakeholders, a new note specifies that "relevant stakeholders may have requirements related to climate change."

These updates ensure that climate change receives due attention in management systems.

### **What Standards are Involved?**

These updates affect various ISO standards, such as:

- ISO 9001 (Quality Management)
- ISO 14001 (Environmental Management)
- ISO 45001 (Occupational Health and Safety)
- ISO 27001 (Information Security)
- ISO 50001 (Energy Management)

### **What does this mean for your company?**

If your management system is already certified by RCA, there is no need to obtain a new certificate or urgently transition. However, it will be important to adapt your existing system to integrate climate change considerations as relevant to your business.

The integration of these considerations will need to be specific to your organization's context. Depending on industry, scope and geographic location, the impact of climate change can vary greatly. It is therefore critical to assess the importance of

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climate change to your organization and ensure that management systems reflect its relevance, if any.

If climate change is relevant to your organization, it will need to be addressed in each management system applied.

The RCA staff is ready to support you by providing any clarification on this issue, helping you make your company a leader in sustainability and addressing climate change.



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