

Customer information regarding ISO 50001 certification

The ISO 50003 : 2021 standard was published on 31/05/2021. Under a transition period, it will cancel and replace the previous edition ISO 50003 :2014.

This accreditation standard mainly concerns your certification body, but has some impacts for you as a certified body.

Nb: There is no change in the requirements of the ISO 50001 : 2018 standard according to which you are certified!

1. Changes

Here is a summary of the main changes of ISO 50003 : 2021 compared to ISO 50003 : 2014:

- Updated definitions to include audit time, audit duration, and terms related to multi-site audits;
- The replacement of the expression “man-days” by “audit days”;
- The expression “documented information kept up to date” is used to represent procedures, work instructions or other forms of documents containing information of the type who, what, when, how or why;
- The term “retained documented information” or “audit evidence record” is used to represent records that demonstrate or provide evidence of the fulfillment of a requirement;
- Updating the structure to ensure better alignment with standard NF EN ISO/IEC 17021-1;
- For the calculation of audit days, **the number of types of energy has been modified for those that cover at least 80% of total consumption**;
- The modification of the weighted values applicable to the complexity factors;
- Updating the sampling requirements of a multi-site EnMS¹;
- Clarification of the use of IAF MD documents in accordance with Annex A and Annex B;
- Clarification in A.2 of the information on staff dedicated to the EnMS;
- Modification of Tables A.3 and A.4 to refer to audit time rather than audit duration;
- Removing technical areas and adding technical skill requirements;
- Regarding the **improvement of energy performance**, the following elements have been modified:
 - The definition in §3.6 of ISO 50003 : 2014 of "Improving energy performance" has been deleted, but the term is defined in standard NF EN ISO 50001, which is a normative reference;
 - For surveillance audits, **emphasis was placed on the fact that an organization must demonstrate “implementation of energy performance improvement measures” rather than demonstrating “achievement of energy performance improvement”**.

¹ EnMS : Energy Management System

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2. Transition process

The IAF (International Accreditation Forum) has defined the upgrade and transition process for moving from the old to the new version in the form of a resolution, taken up by Cofrac.

2.1 Transition period

Le délai de transition a été défini à 30 mois, la norme ISO 50003 : 2014 deviendra donc caduque à partir du 30/11/2023.

2.2 Transition procedure

Depending on the progress in your certification cycle (surveillance, renewal), you will be contacted in due time by your Sales Manager to obtain the information necessary to update your commercial offer.

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For any questions, the Apave Certification teams are at your disposal.