Would you like to provide your employees with a safe and healthy workplace? Certification according to ISO 45001 ensures comprehensive occupational health and safety. Here we have compiled the most frequently asked questions and answers about ISO 45001.

1. What is ISO 45001?
The ISO 45001 standard is the first international standard for occupational health and safety management systems (OHSMS). The new standard is intended to ensure uniform improvement of national and international occupational health and safety performance. ISO 45001 was developed based on the standard OHSAS 18001, which it is now replacing, and features a Plan-Do-Check-Act (PDCA) model. The use of the PDCA cycle promotes continuous improvement in OHSMS.

2. When did ISO 45001 come into force?
On March 12, 2018, the new standard ISO 45001:2018 was finally published by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

3. Which companies should be certified according to ISO 45001?
The certification of occupational health and safety management is suitable for every company, regardless of size or industry. It helps companies ensure the long-term safety and health of their employees and at the same time reach their business goals. Companies already certified according to OHSAS 18001 are required to transition to ISO 45001 by March 2021. Find out more in our White Paper.
4. Why should I have my company certified according to ISO 45001?
Certification of your health and safety management system offers numerous advantages:
• As a certified company, you benefit from the international recognition of ISO 45001.
• You are able to identify and eliminate hazards and risks before accidents occur.
• You gain the tools necessary to continuously improve your occupational health and safety management system.
• It includes a complete management requirement specification.
• You reduce liability and fulfill business obligations.
• You increase the profitability of your company.
• You increase the performance and motivation of your employees by providing a safe and healthy workplace.

5. What is the ISO 45001 certification procedure?
We certify occupational health and safety in your company in just a few steps:
1. Information meeting and pre-audit (optional)
2. On-site certification
3. Audit report and evaluation
4. Certificate and DEKRA seal of approval
5. First surveillance audit (after 12 months)
6. Second surveillance audit (after another 12 months)
7. Recertification (three years after initial certification)

6. Which standards are suitable for combined certifications?
With its uniform High-Level Structure (HLS), shared by all new and revised management system standards, ISO 45001 can be easily combined with other ISO standards for management systems. For example, ISO 9001 for quality management, ISO 50001 for energy management or ISO 14001 for environmental management.

Do you have further questions regarding the certification of your occupational safety according to ISO 45001? Contact us now!
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