



CERTIFICATION OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS ACCORDING TO OHSAS 18001:2007



BACKGROUND

Why certify?

Health and safety at work are playing an ever increasingly important role for every organisation. The OHSAS 18001:2007 standard has provided valid criteria for the assessment of an Occupational Health and Safety Management System. Companies who demonstrate that they meet these requirements gain the confidence of clients, suppliers, employees, officials, investors and society. It is able to demonstrate that the company's safety-orientated approach has been integrated into the company processes, is based on personal initiative and a sense of personal commitment and also leads to improved results. Anyone who obtains certification under OHSAS 18001:2007 simultaneously fulfils the requirements of the FCOS Directive 6508.

AIMS

What are the intended aims?

A certified Occupational Health and Safety Management System achieves

- compliance with FCOS 6508 through**
- implementation of «VUV, ArG and MG»
 - integration of the FCOS requirements within the management system
 - creation of a safety culture within the company

- an increase in the competitiveness through**
- reduction in lost profits and sales
 - reduction in the costs for damage to property
 - reduction in administrative costs

- improvement in the public image through**
- systematic organisation of the safety measures
 - inclusion and motivation of the employees
 - certification and verifiability

TARGET GROUPS

Who are the intended target groups?

The target groups are all organisations, regardless of size and to which sector they belong, from all branches of

- industry,
- the service industry,
- social welfare institutions and government departments.

PROCEDURE

What does it involve?

The introduction of OHSAS 18001:2007 achieves a systematic organisation of the safety activities and an improvement in the processes, with the focus on:

- strengthening the awareness of health and safety at work risks,
- fulfilling the statutory requirements,
- continual improvement in health and safety at work. Products and processes are systematically examined for potential risks, measures defined, implemented, monitored and assessed,
- policy of open information on the development of health and safety at work within the company.

The requirements of OHSAS 18001:2007 can be integrated into the company processes and developed together with ISO 9001:2000 and ISO 14001:2004 to create a comprehensive management system.

QUALITY CRITERIA

What are the requirements?

OHSAS 18001:2007 requires companies

- to formulate a safety policy appropriate to the safety risks,
- to carry out risk analysis, planning, targeting and create programs aimed at reducing industrial accidents within the company,
- to integrate the requirements into the company processes,
- to carry out internal auditing and periodic assessment of the system through the senior management.

CERTIFICATE/RECOGNITION

OHSAS 18001:2007 certificates

are valid for 3 years, after which they are subject to re-certification – in the sense of continual further development.

PROFILE

Who is SQS?

SQS is your competent contact partner for the certification of Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems according to OHSAS 18001:2007.

The Swiss Association for Quality and Management Systems

- is an independent, non-profit organisation,
- is accredited as a certification body by the SAS (Swiss Accreditation Service),
- provides certification not only for Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems but also a wide range of other management systems.

INFORMATION/REGISTRATION

I'd like to know more!

You can obtain further information on the introduction and certification of Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems through the branch in Zollikofen. Our auditors will of course also be happy to assist you with technical questions.

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