Occupational Health and Safety
Certification in accordance with the OHSAS 18001 Standard

In the present context of internationalization and globalization, market demand has a tendency to ask for more value beyond the concept of quality, to cover elements connected with production guarantees, customer satisfaction, products safety, sustainability growth, environmental protection and creation of qualified employment.

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The actual adoption and effective implementation of a management system has obvious positive repercussions, of both an ethical and economic/organisational nature; this is the context in which the international standard BS OHSAS 18001 was developed, as a model to manage health and safety problems, following in the footsteps of the more well-known quality and environmental management systems, through an approach aimed at prevention and continual improvement.

An Occupational Health and Safety Management System enables problems related to safety at work to be dealt with, through an a priori assessment of the risks and their reduction by means of preventive action based on a continuous improvement programme. Furthermore, the System provides an effective means for companies to identify and comply with applicable health and safety legislation in time.

Occupational Health and Safety Management System Certification BS OHSAS 18001

Certification of an Occupational Health and Safety Management System, according to BS OHSAS 18001 (Occupational Health and Safety Assessment Series), is a tool through which to manage problems related to safety in the workplace, by drawing up specific objectives and policies on the basis of the hazards and associated risks potentially present in the workplace. This new management concept, in line with that of industry aimed at motivating its human resources, plays an important role in the assessment of a company’s assets, as dealing with problems related to quality of life and work safety in a coordinated way provides an opportunity to harmonise personnel development, productivity and motivation. The standard defines the proper planning of safety conditions so as to ensure “healthy” company management and compliance with mandatory legal requirements, taking into account also the safety of visitors as well as all those who work on behalf of the company.
Why implement and certify according to BS OHSAS 18001?

By implementing a stringent and effective management system according to BS OHSAS 18001, the following advantages are to be had:

- reduced number of accidents through preventive action to minimise professional risks during all the work phases
- identification of and compliance with the applicable health and safety legislation
- enhancement of sites and/or buildings
- reduced management costs and proper human resources management
- positive influence on the company's prestige and image
- credibility in the eyes of all those who work on behalf of the company.

Requirements to implement a management system according to BS OHSAS 18001

The effective implementation of an Occupational Health and Safety management system must necessarily involve all company levels and functions, from top management down to individual employees. The cornerstones of the System are:

- an appropriate health and safety policy for the company’s size and type of activity
- a preliminary analysis based on the activities performed which enables health and safety risks to workers to be identified and assessed
- suitable operational and managerial procedures to control risk and monitor the performance of the System
- objectives, goals and programmes in line with the policy and appropriate to the company
- a review to assess continuous improvement.

Standard B-BS

The B-BS is the only scientific and evidence-based Standard to reduce injury, professional diseases and accidents at work, which are caused in over 80% of cases by dangerous behaviour. TASNEEF-RINA Business Assurance has developed a safety management system in compliance with the BBS Requirements Standard, defined by the top institutions in the field of Behavior-Based Safety (Association for the Advancement of Radical Behavior Analysis and Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies) in order to create a social system and a safety culture within an organisation, aimed at eliminating unsafe behaviour with the minimum amount of external action or disciplinary measures. The Standard is compatible and can be fully integrated with the BS OHSAS 18001 Standard for Safety Management Systems and with the ISO 14001 Standard for Environmental Management Systems and focuses in particular on the process which identifies, measures, manages and encourages safe worker behaviour. The main aspect of the B-BS is the identification and observation of critical behaviour. A key figure for effective implementation of a B-BS process is that of observer, a figure specially trained to observe whether certain behaviour “potentially at risk” is dealt with correctly or critically. In relation to each observation, the observers will be required to give the workers feedback concerning the behaviour adopted, to make them aware of the risks they are taking and the progress they can effectively make.

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