



FAQS



ISO 37001 anti-bribery management systems standard

FAQS –Summary

Note: ISO 37001 is a draft standard currently under development. The FAQs below refer to the draft in its current form. The draft may change, and may not receive final approval for publication.

What is ISO 37001?

ISO 37001 is a proposed new anti-bribery management systems standard which is currently under development by ISO. ISO is the International Organization for Standardization which develops and publishes International Standards, and which is made up of the national standards bodies from **163 member countries**.

What is the purpose of ISO 37001?

ISO 37001 is designed to help an organization implement an anti-bribery management system. It specifies a series of measures which the organization should implement to help the organization prevent, detect and address bribery, and provides guidance in relation to their implementation.

Who can use ISO 37001?

ISO 37001 is designed to be used by small, medium and large organizations in the public, private and voluntary sectors. It is a flexible tool, which can be adapted according to the size and nature of the organization and the bribery risk it faces.

In which countries can ISO 37001 be used?

ISO 37001 can be used in any country. It is designed to aid compliance by the organization both with international good practice and with the relevant anti-bribery legal requirements in all countries in which the organization operates.

What are the types of measure required by ISO 37001?

ISO 37001 requires the organization to implement a series of measures in a proportionate and reasonable manner. These include adopting an anti-bribery policy, requiring top management leadership, appointing a person to oversee anti-bribery compliance, providing training to personnel, undertaking bribery risk assessments and due diligence on projects and business associates, and implementing financial and commercial controls, and reporting and investigation procedures.

How can ISO 37001 benefit my organization ?

(1) It assists an organization in implementing an anti-bribery management system, or in enhancing its existing controls; (2) it helps provide assurance to the management and owners of an organization, and to its funders, customers and other business associates, that the organization has implemented internationally recognised good practice anti-bribery controls; (3) in the event of an investigation, it helps provide evidence to the prosecutors or courts that the organization had taken reasonable steps to prevent bribery.

Will ISO 37001 impose an unnecessarily heavy bureaucracy on my organization ?

It will not impose an unnecessarily heavy bureaucracy on an organization, as it requires that anti-bribery measures are implemented in a manner which is reasonable and proportionate to a number of relevant factors, such as the size and structure of the organization, the locations and sectors in which it operates, the nature, scale and complexity of its activities, and the bribery risk it faces.



Can a third party certify my organization's compliance with ISO 37001?

ISO 37001 is a Type A requirements standard, and is therefore capable of independent certification.

What is the status and timetable for publication of ISO 37001?

Over 80 experts, from 28 participating countries, 16 observer countries and 7 liaison organizations, are involved in the drafting of the standard. The draft is currently at Committee Draft 2 stage. The timetable envisages publication of the standard in late 2016.

For more information see:
ISO 37001 slides and news.

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