



**EMPLOYEE SATISFACTION**



**REDUCED RISK**



**FURTHER EXCELLENCE**



**SAFETY**



**COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE**

## **WHAT MAKES YOUR OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY SYSTEMS BEST-IN-CLASS?**

**OHSAS 18001 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS  
AUDIT, CERTIFICATION & TRAINING SERVICES**

**SGS**

OHSAS 18001:2007 is the internationally recognised standard that enables organisations to manage operational risks and improve performance. It enables an organisation to effectively manage the health and safety risks of its business activities, reducing risk therefore prevents injury and ill health.

The standard promotes a safe and healthy working environment by providing a framework that allows organisations to identify and reduce their occupational health and safety risks, reduce potential for accidents, aid legislative compliance and improve overall performance.

Employee safety and wellbeing can be improved as a result of objectives and responsibilities being made clearer. As a result of this and further required training, employees can be prepared to effectively deal with potential hazards and manage risk.

## HOW THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS WORKS

- Step A - Tailored proposal from SGS.
- Step B - Optional 'pre-audit' of readiness and weaknesses.
- Step C - Formal audit 'Stage 1 – Readiness Review'. Documents and key system elements are evaluated and non-compliances reported.
- Step D - 'Stage 2': interviews, examination of records and observation of working practices. Non-conformances are addressed.
- Step E - Surveillance visits to check the system and action plan implementation.
- Step F - Re-certification audit after three years.

- OHSAS 18001:2007 training (all levels of ability and awareness). View the worldwide course schedule at [www.sgs.co.uk/training](http://www.sgs.co.uk/training)
- OHSAS 18001:2007 Gap Assessment: Assesses readiness for certification
- Integrated Management Systems

SGS is the world's leading inspection, verification, testing and certification company. SGS is recognised as the global benchmark for quality and integrity. With more than 75 000 employees, SGS operates a network of over 1 500 offices and laboratories around the world.

Enhancing processes, systems and skills is fundamental to your ongoing success and sustained growth. Third party certification to OHSAS 18001:2007 will enable you to continuously improve your health and safety management systems, transforming your services and value chain by increasing performance, managing risks, better meeting stakeholder requirements and managing sustainability.

With a global presence, we have a history of successfully executing large-scale, complex international projects. Our people speak the language, understand the culture of the local market and operate globally in a consistent, reliable and effective manner.

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The flowchart illustrates the ISO 15189 certification process, divided into two main phases: **ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATION** and **SURVEILLANCE VISITS TYPICALLY AT 6 TO 12 MONTH INTERVALS**.

**ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATION** includes the following steps:

- STEP A: AGREE CONTRACT** (connected to **STEP B: OPTIONAL PRE-AUDIT** via a double-headed arrow)
- STEP C: STAGE 1 AUDIT** (connected to **STEP D: STAGE 2 AUDIT** via a right-pointing arrow, and to **ACTION AND CLOSURE OF IDENTIFIED NON-CONFORMITIES** via a double-headed arrow)
- STEP D: STAGE 2 AUDIT** (connected to **CERTIFICATE ISSUE ON COMPLETION OF SUCCESSFUL AUDIT** via a right-pointing arrow, and to **ACTION AND CLOSURE OF IDENTIFIED NON-CONFORMITIES** via a double-headed arrow)
- CERTIFICATE ISSUE ON COMPLETION OF SUCCESSFUL AUDIT** (connected to **STEP E: SURVEILLANCE VISITS** via a right-pointing arrow)

**SURVEILLANCE VISITS TYPICALLY AT 6 TO 12 MONTH INTERVALS** includes the following steps:

- STEP E: SURVEILLANCE VISITS** (connected to **ACTION AND CLOSURE OF IDENTIFIED NON-CONFORMITIES** via a double-headed arrow)
- ACTION AND CLOSURE OF IDENTIFIED NON-CONFORMITIES** (connected to **STEP F: RECERTIFICATION AUDIT** via a double-headed arrow)
- STEP F: RECERTIFICATION AUDIT** (connected to **CERTIFICATE ISSUE ON COMPLETION OF SUCCESSFUL AUDIT** via a long right-pointing arrow, indicating the cycle)

A horizontal bar at the bottom indicates the **CERTIFICATION CYCLE TYPICALLY 3 YEARS**.

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## WHEN YOU NEED TO BE SURE

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