

## **International Environmental Law**

### **ISO 14000 Compliance**

ISO 14000 describes requirements for comprehensive environmental management systems. Published by the International Organization for Standardization in 1996, ISO 14001 helps businesses develop environmental policies and objectives in an organized and process-driven way, while keeping an eye on legal requirements and trends in public policy. To determine whether ISO 14001 certification would be a good move, a company needs to first take stock of its current situation. The following questionnaire should be reviewed with your legal counsel prior to making the important – and sometimes costly – step of seeking certification.

1. What type of business is your corporation pursuing?

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2. Is your product a consumer product or marketed to other businesses?

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3. What is the volume and scope of your production and distribution?

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4. What are your current and future markets?

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5. What types of services do you offer?

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6. What is the scope of your service offerings?

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7. What are your current and future markets for these services?

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8. Have any business partners or customers inquired about ISO 14000/14001?

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9. Have any RFPs or RFQs required that your corporation meet ISO 14000/14001 standards or show certification?

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10. What is your corporation's current environmental policy, if any?

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11. What benefits do you expect from ISO14000/14001?

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12. Is there someone currently in your organization who could oversee and “own” the ISO process?

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