

INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

A CLEARER WAY TO MANAGE MULTIPLE STANDARDS



Your Risk Management Advantage

WHAT IS AN INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM?

An IMS aligns shared processes across multiple ISO standards so they work together as one system.



INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- ✔ One framework supporting multiple ISO standards
- ✔ Shared processes (e.g. leadership, risk, audits, management review)
- ✔ Built around how the organisation actually operates

WHY ORGANISATIONS CONSIDER INTEGRATION

- Multiple standards added over time
- Inconsistent views of risk and performance
- Duplicate audits and overlapping requirements
- Growing effort to manage certification



WHAT INTEGRATION LOOKS LIKE IN PRACTICE

- Shared processes instead of duplication
- Evidence collected once, used across standards
- Consistent risk assessment across disciplines
- More coordinated audit planning

KEY BENEFIT

CLEARER GOVERNANCE AND VISIBILITY



REDUCED DUPLICATION AND AUDIT FATIGUE



BETTER ALIGNMENT BETWEEN STANDARDS



EASIER TO ADD NEW STANDARDS



INTEGRATED VS CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCE



INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- One aligned framework
- Shared core processes
- Risks managed in a joined-up way
- Evidence and audits coordinated by design



CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Standards managed side-by-side
- Shared provider and aligned audits
- Separate systems where needed
- Less structural change required



WHICH IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

INTEGRATION OFTEN SUITS ORGANISATIONS THAT...

- Manage interrelated risks across standards
- Want a single view of performance
- Are planning growth or adding standards
- Have capacity to manage system change

CONSOLIDATION OFTEN SUITS ORGANISATIONS THAT...

- Want to reduce audit effort quickly
- Have limited internal resource
Are early in their certification journey
- See integration as a longer-term goal

THERE IS NO SINGLE RIGHT APPROACH

The right choice depends on your organisation's size, maturity, resources and goals. What matters is choosing a model that supports your business, rather than working around it.

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