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Requirements with guidance for use**

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Foreword

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Introduction

The purpose of this International Standard is to enable organizations to establish the systems and processes necessary to improve energy performance, including energy efficiency, use and consumption. Implementation of this International Standard is intended to lead to reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and other related environmental impacts and energy cost through systematic management of energy. This International Standard is applicable to all types and sizes of organizations, irrespective of geographical, cultural or social conditions. Successful implementation depends on commitment from all levels and functions of the organization, and especially from top management.

This International Standard specifies energy management system (EnMS) requirements, upon which an organization can develop and implement an energy policy, and establish objectives, targets, and action plans which take into account legal requirements and information related to significant energy use. An EnMS enables an organization to achieve its policy commitments, take action as needed to improve its energy performance and demonstrate the conformity of the system to the requirements of this International Standard. This International Standard applies to the activities under the control of the organization, and application of this International Standard can be tailored to fit the specific requirements of the organization, including the complexity of the system, degree of documentation, and resources.

This International Standard is based on the Plan - Do - Check - Act (PDCA) continual improvement framework and incorporates energy management into everyday organizational practices, as illustrated in Figure 1.

NOTE In the context of energy management, the PDCA approach can be outlined as follows:

- Plan: conduct the energy review and establish the baseline, energy performance indicators (EnPIs), objectives, targets and action plans necessary to deliver results that will improve energy performance in accordance with the organization's energy policy;
- Do: implement the energy management action plans;
- Check: monitor and measure processes and the key characteristics of operations that determine energy performance against the energy policy and objectives, and report the results;
- Act: take actions to continually improve energy performance and the EnMS.

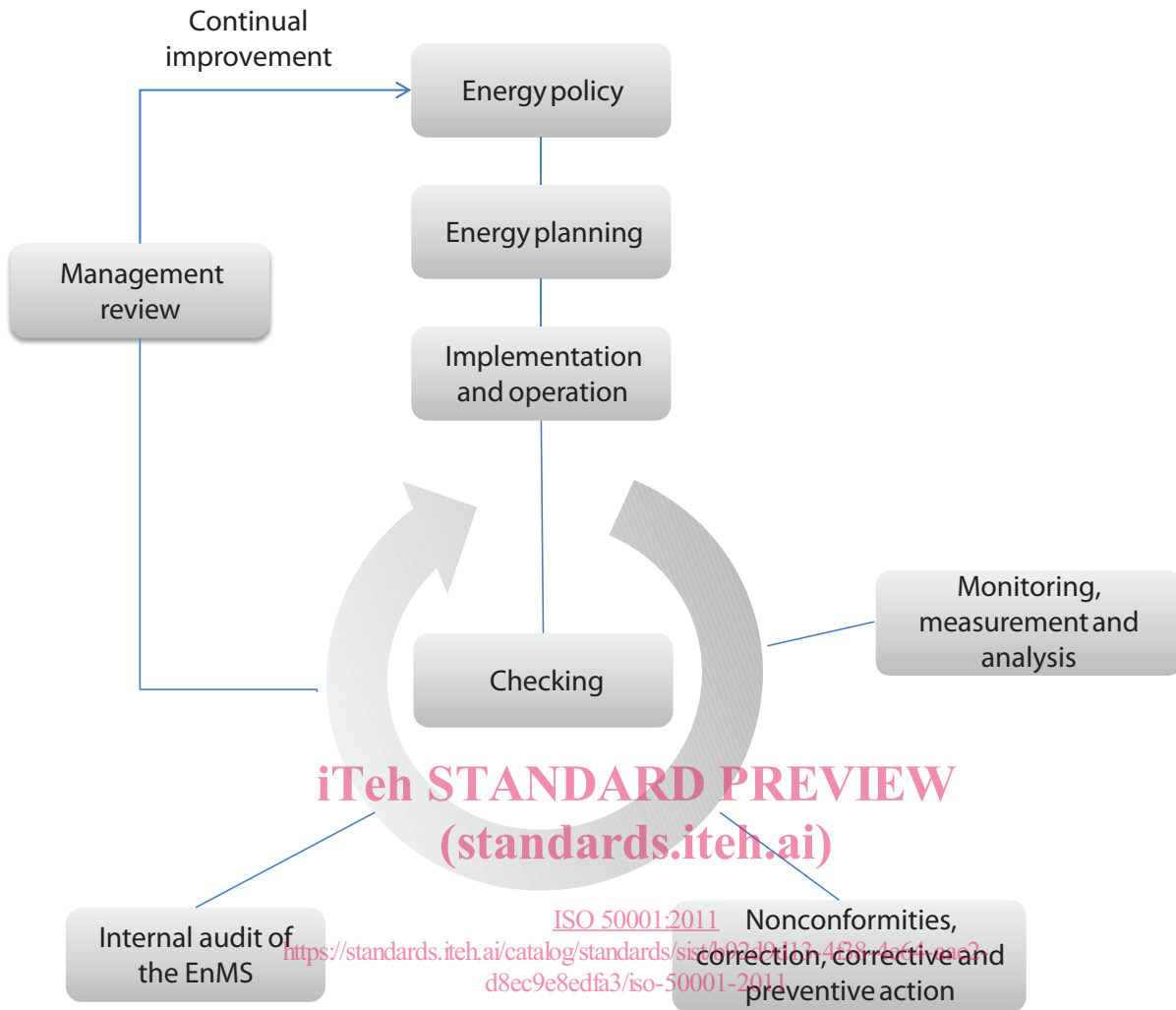


Figure 1 — Energy management system model for this International Standard

Worldwide application of this International Standard contributes to more efficient use of available energy sources, to enhanced competitiveness and to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other related environmental impacts. This International Standard is applicable irrespective of the types of energy used.

This International Standard can be used for certification, registration and self-declaration of an organization's EnMS. It does not establish absolute requirements for energy performance beyond the commitments in the energy policy of the organization and its obligation to comply with applicable legal requirements and other requirements. Thus, two organizations carrying out similar operations, but having different energy performance, can both conform to its requirements.

This International Standard is based on the common elements of ISO management system standards, ensuring a high level of compatibility notably with ISO 9001 and ISO 14001.

NOTE Annex B shows the relationship between this International Standard and ISO 9001:2008, ISO 14001:2004 and ISO 22000:2005.

An organization can choose to integrate this International Standard with other management systems, including those related to quality, the environment and occupational health and safety.

Energy management systems — Requirements with guidance for use

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies requirements for establishing, implementing, maintaining and improving an energy management system, whose purpose is to enable an organization to follow a systematic approach in achieving continual improvement of energy performance, including energy efficiency, energy use and consumption.

This International Standard specifies requirements applicable to energy use and consumption, including measurement, documentation and reporting, design and procurement practices for equipment, systems, processes and personnel that contribute to energy performance.

This International Standard applies to all variables affecting energy performance that can be monitored and influenced by the organization. This International Standard does not prescribe specific performance criteria with respect to energy.

This International Standard has been designed to be used independently, but it can be aligned or integrated with other management systems.

This International Standard is applicable to any organization wishing to ensure that it conforms to its stated energy policy and wishing to demonstrate this to others, such conformity being confirmed either by means of self-evaluation and self-declaration of conformity, or by certification of the energy management system by an external organization.

This International Standard also provides, in Annex A, informative guidance on its use.

2 Normative references

No normative references are cited. This clause is included in order to retain clause numbering identical with other ISO management system standards.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

boundaries

physical or site limits and/or organizational limits as defined by the organization

EXAMPLE A process; a group of processes; a site; an entire organization; multiple sites under the control of an organization.

3.2

continual improvement

recurring process which results in enhancement of energy performance and the energy management system

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NOTE 1 The process of establishing objectives and finding opportunities for improvement is a continual process.

NOTE 2 Continual improvement achieves improvements in overall energy performance, consistent with the organization's energy policy.

3.3

correction

action to eliminate a detected **nonconformity** (3.21)

NOTE Adapted from ISO 9000:2005, definition 3.6.6.

3.4

corrective action

action to eliminate the cause of a detected **nonconformity** (3.21)

NOTE 1 There can be more than one cause for a nonconformity.

NOTE 2 Corrective action is taken to prevent recurrence whereas preventive action is taken to prevent occurrence.

NOTE 3 Adapted from ISO 9000:2005, definition 3.6.5.

3.5

energy

electricity, fuels, steam, heat, compressed air, and other like media

NOTE 1 For the purposes of this International Standard, energy refers to the various forms of energy, including renewable, which can be purchased, stored, treated, used in equipment or in a process, or recovered.

NOTE 2 Energy can be defined as the capacity of a system to produce external activity or perform work.

3.6

energy baseline

quantitative reference(s) providing a basis for comparison of energy performance

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NOTE 1 An energy baseline reflects a specified period of time.

NOTE 2 An energy baseline can be normalized using variables which affect energy use and/or consumption, e.g. production level, degree days (outdoor temperature), etc.

NOTE 3 The energy baseline is also used for calculation of energy savings, as a reference before and after implementation of energy performance improvement actions.

3.7

energy consumption

quantity of energy applied

3.8

energy efficiency

ratio or other quantitative relationship between an output of performance, service, goods or energy, and an input of energy

EXAMPLE Conversion efficiency; energy required/energy used; output/input; theoretical energy used to operate/energy used to operate.

NOTE Both input and output need to be clearly specified in quantity and quality, and be measurable.

3.9

energy management system

EnMS

set of interrelated or interacting elements to establish an energy policy and energy objectives, and processes and procedures to achieve those objectives

3.10**energy management team**

person(s) responsible for effective implementation of the energy management system activities and for delivering energy performance improvements

NOTE The size and nature of the organization, and available resources, will determine the size of the team. The team may be one person, such as the management representative.

3.11**energy objective**

specified outcome or achievement set to meet the organization's energy policy related to improved energy performance

3.12**energy performance**

measurable results related to **energy efficiency** (3.8), **energy use** (3.18) and **energy consumption** (3.7)

NOTE 1 In the context of energy management systems, results can be measured against the organization's energy policy, objectives, targets and other energy performance requirements.

NOTE 2 Energy performance is one component of the performance of the energy management system.

3.13**energy performance indicator****EnPI**

quantitative value or measure of energy performance, as defined by the organization

NOTE EnPIs could be expressed as a simple metric, ratio or a more complex model.

3.14**energy policy**

statement by the organization of its overall intentions and direction of an organization related to its energy performance, as formally expressed by top management

NOTE The energy policy provides a framework for action and for the setting of energy objectives and energy targets.

3.15**energy review**

determination of the organization's energy performance based on data and other information, leading to identification of opportunities for improvement

NOTE In other regional or national standards, concepts such as identification and review of energy aspects or energy profile are included in the concept of energy review.

3.16**energy services**

activities and their results related to the provision and/or use of energy

3.17**energy target**

detailed and quantifiable energy performance requirement, applicable to the organization or parts thereof, that arises from the energy objective and that needs to be set and met in order to achieve this objective

3.18**energy use**

manner or kind of application of energy

EXAMPLE Ventilation; lighting; heating; cooling; transportation; processes; production lines.

3.19
interested party

person or group concerned with, or affected by, the energy performance of the organization

3.20
internal audit

systematic, independent and documented process for obtaining evidence and evaluating it objectively in order to determine the extent to which requirements are fulfilled

NOTE See Annex A for more information.

3.21
nonconformity

non-fulfilment of a requirement

[ISO 9000:2005, definition 3.6.2]

3.22
organization

company, corporation, firm, enterprise, authority or institution, or part or combination thereof, whether incorporated or not, public or private, that has its own functions and administration and that has the authority to control its energy use and consumption

NOTE An organization can be a person or a group of people.

3.23
preventive action

action to eliminate the cause of a potential **nonconformity** (3.21)

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NOTE 1 There can be more than one cause for a potential nonconformity.

NOTE 2 Preventive action is taken to prevent occurrence, whereas corrective action is taken to prevent recurrence.

NOTE 3 Adapted from ISO 9000:2005, definition 3.6.4.

3.24
procedure

specified way to carry out an activity or a process

NOTE 1 Procedures can be documented or not.

NOTE 2 When a procedure is documented, the term “written procedure” or “documented procedure” is frequently used.

NOTE 3 Adapted from ISO 9000:2005, definition 3.4.5.

3.25
record

document stating results achieved or providing evidence of activities performed

NOTE 1 Records can be used, for example, to document traceability and to provide evidence of verification, preventive action and corrective action.

NOTE 2 Adapted from ISO 9000:2005, definition 3.7.6.

3.26
scope

extent of activities, facilities and decisions that the organization addresses through an EnMS, which can include several boundaries

NOTE The scope can include energy related to transport.

3.27**significant energy use**

energy use accounting for substantial energy consumption and/or offering considerable potential for energy performance improvement

NOTE Significance criteria are determined by the organization.

3.28**top management**

person or group of people who directs and controls an organization at the highest level

NOTE 1 Top management controls the organization defined within the scope and boundaries of the energy management system.

NOTE 2 Adapted from ISO 9000:2005, definition 3.2.7.

4 Energy management system requirements**4.1 General requirements**

The organization shall:

- a) establish, document, implement, maintain and improve an EnMS in accordance with the requirements of this International Standard;
- b) define and document the scope and boundaries of its EnMS;
- c) determine how it will meet the requirements of this International Standard in order to achieve continual improvement of its energy performance and of its EnMS.

4.2 Management responsibility**4.2.1 Top management**

Top management shall demonstrate its commitment to support the EnMS and to continually improve its effectiveness by:

- a) defining, establishing, implementing and maintaining an energy policy;
- b) appointing a management representative and approving the formation of an energy management team;
- c) providing the resources needed to establish, implement, maintain and improve the EnMS and the resulting energy performance;

NOTE Resources include human resources, specialized skills, technology and financial resources.

- d) identifying the scope and boundaries to be addressed by the EnMS;
- e) communicating the importance of energy management to those in the organization;
- f) ensuring that energy objectives and targets are established;
- g) ensuring that EnPIs are appropriate to the organization;
- h) considering energy performance in long-term planning;
- i) ensuring that results are measured and reported at determined intervals;
- j) conducting management reviews.

4.2.2 Management representative

Top management shall appoint a management representative(s) with appropriate skills and competence, who, irrespective of other responsibilities, has the responsibility and authority to:

- a) ensure the EnMS is established, implemented, maintained, and continually improved in accordance with this International Standard;
- b) identify person(s), authorized by an appropriate level of management, to work with the management representative in support of energy management activities;
- c) report to top management on energy performance;
- d) report to top management on the performance of the EnMS;
- e) ensure that the planning of energy management activities is designed to support the organization's energy policy;
- f) define and communicate responsibilities and authorities in order to facilitate effective energy management;
- g) determine criteria and methods needed to ensure that both the operation and control of the EnMS are effective;
- h) promote awareness of the energy policy and objectives at all levels of the organization.

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4.3 Energy policy

The energy policy shall state the organization's commitment to achieving energy performance improvement. Top management shall define the energy policy and ensure that it:

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- a) is appropriate to the nature and scale of the organization's energy use and consumption;
- b) includes a commitment to continual improvement in energy performance;
- c) includes a commitment to ensure the availability of information and of necessary resources to achieve objectives and targets;
- d) includes a commitment to comply with applicable legal requirements and other requirements to which the organization subscribes related to its energy use, consumption and efficiency;
- e) provides the framework for setting and reviewing energy objectives and targets;
- f) supports the purchase of energy-efficient products and services, and design for energy performance improvement;
- g) is documented and communicated at all levels within the organization;
- h) is regularly reviewed, and updated as necessary.

4.4 Energy planning

4.4.1 General

The organization shall conduct and document an energy planning process. Energy planning shall be consistent with the energy policy and shall lead to activities that continually improve energy performance.