



Transition Policy

I.S. EN ISO 14001:2026 – Environmental Management System

I.S. EN ISO 14001:2026 was published on 16th April 2026 and it will replace the existing standard I.S. EN ISO 14001:2015. It is expected that there will be a three year transition period.

ISO 14001 is the leading International standard for environmental management. It provides a trusted framework that helps organisations of all types and sizes manage their environmental responsibilities systematically and effectively. The new edition builds on this strong foundation to reflect today’s evolving environmental priorities.

What’s changed?

The new edition refines I.S. EN ISO 14001 with clearer guidance, easier navigation and stronger alignment with today’s environmental priorities such as climate change, biodiversity and resource efficiency. I.S. EN ISO 14001:2026 is simpler to understand, smoother to implement and integrates seamlessly with other ISO management systems standards.

Certification

All organisations certified to EN ISO 14001:2015 **must** transition to the new version of the standard before the 3 year transition deadline. Details of the timeline for transition have not yet been confirmed. NSAI expects to receive updates from ISO/CASCO and/or Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated (previously IAF/ILAC) within the next few weeks.

NSAI are basing the three year transition deadline on our experience with previous ISO standard transitions.

An indicative schedule to transition deadline may be found below. NSAI will continue to update this information as it becomes available.

DATE	STAGE	ACTION
April 2026	Publication of I.S. EN ISO 14001:2026	Certified organisations should purchase a copy and review their EMS to identify gaps.
Q2 2026 (expected)	Transition rules published	Global ACI/IAF is expected to publish rules around transition. INAB will issue communication to certification bodies regarding extending their scope.
Summer 2026 (expected)	NSAI Accreditation extension to scope	NSAI will apply for accreditation from INAB for certification activity to I.S. EN ISO 14001:2026.
Q3/Q4 2026 (expected)	Transition audits to commence	NSAI will start performing transition audits for certified organisations.
April 2028 (expected)	Certification to I.S. EN ISO 14001:2026 only	All initial certification audits by NSAI will be to I.S. EN ISO 14001:2026 only.
15 th April 2029 (expected)	Transition deadline	All organisations must be certified to I.S. EN ISO 14001:2026. Certification to ISO 14001:2015 will no longer be valid.