

Global Database of ISO 50001 Certifications

A database to track the growth of ISO 50001 certifications worldwide

Overview

The Energy Management Working Group (EMWG) is promoting the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) effort to develop a global database of ISO management system certificates, which will include ISO 50001 and other management system standards, such as ISO 14001 and ISO 9001. The IAF CERTSEARCH database collects non-sensitive, publicly available certification data and will provide an authoritative source for validating accredited certifications. Compiling this information in a central location will help to uphold the value of accredited certification in the market and avoid issues of misuse that could dilute the value of the standards. Additionally, the database will help track the growth of ISO 50001 certifications worldwide.

The EMWG is supporting this effort by encouraging ISO 50001 certification bodies in their countries to populate the IAF database. To validate the certification status of an organization using the database, a user conducting the search must know the organization's name or certificate ID. As an added benefit, the certified organizations are invited to opt in and make their certification data more public and broadly searchable. This additional transparency encourages certified organizations to find and trade with other certified companies.

In coordination with IAF, the EMWG also plans to develop a web page that retrieves ISO 50001 certification statistics for participating EMWG countries. These statistics will be generated from public data in participating EMWG countries. This activity will enable participating EMWG governments to track the growth of ISO 50001 in their countries, which will help to measure the effectiveness of their ISO 50001 programs and initiatives. In addition, this activity encourages EMWG governments to provide public recognition to ISO 50001-certified organizations in their countries, which could motivate even greater uptake of ISO 50001.

For More Information

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The EMWG is an initiative of the Clean Energy Ministerial, the International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation, and the G20. The EMWG accelerates the broad use of energy management systems, such as ISO 50001, in industrial facilities and commercial, public sector, and institutional buildings.

Goal

The International Accreditation Forum's global database of ISO 50001 and other management system certifications creates a single location and practical mechanism to validate accredited certifications. The EMWG is also working with IAF to promote data collection and to create recognition opportunities for certified organizations. A web page that retrieves public ISO 50001 certification statistics from the IAF database will be developed. The EMWG will use this web page to publicly recognize certified facilities in their countries and to track ISO 50001 certification trends over time.

Benefits

- Participation in the exchange of international best practices in this emerging area.
- Greater transparency on the uptake of ISO 50001 in the market and deeper insight into implementation by sectors and regions.
- Facilitates ability to track growth in certifications across countries and specific sectors.
- Provides insight into the impact of national policies and programs on ISO 50001 implementation over time.
- Enables businesses to find, validate, and trade with certified companies.
- Incentivizes companies to obtain ISO 50001 certification in countries that provide public recognition to certified companies.
- Provides means to differentiate accredited vs. unaccredited certifications, which helps companies overcome barriers to develop compliant supply chains.