



CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS
ANNEX I ISO 56001:2024
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / AUDIT REQUIREMENTS



Important

It is important that any Organization before applying for certification of its Innovation Management System according to the requirements of the ISO 56001 standard has clearly understood the concept of innovation and does not confuse it with “creativity”, “invention” and “research and development” which although similar concepts do not necessary lead to innovation.

As stated in the ISO 56000 series standards, innovation is an outcome that adds value through its adoption, implementation, commercialization, and/or use, and can be, a product, service, process, model, method, or any other outcome which as said before must always create value.

General Information

- To be able to go through the certification process the Organization must have at least one innovation project completed or in progress.
- The Organization must have clearly determine its organizational structure, personnel and any subcontractors or collaborators involved in the innovation management system.
- This information will be communicated to Q-CERT through the application form
- The Organization must identify and manage any issues regarding intellectual property according to the relevant legislation (where applicable)
- The Organization shall report to Q-CERT (through the application or by any other means) if any IMS related information (such as IMS records or information about design and contracts) cannot be made available for review by the audit team because it contains confidential or sensitive information.
In such case, Q-CERT shall determine whether the IMS can be adequately audited in the absence of such information. If through the application review process Q-CERT’s designee concludes that it is not possible to adequately audit the IMS without reviewing the identified confidential or sensitive information, Q-CERT shall advise the client that the certification audit cannot take place until appropriate access arrangements are granted.
- In the case of an application for certification of multiple sites (facilities), the Organization is required to ensure that all points:
 - a) are covered by the Management System, which is managed from the Head Quarters, and
 - b) they are included in the planning and implementation of the internal audits and the Management review
- In case that the Organization implements an Innovation Management System in the context of an integrated management system with other standards, such ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 27001, etc., this is acceptable by Q-CERT, as long as the Innovation Management System can be clearly identified together with the appropriate interfaces to the other systems

Note: This ANNEX in combination with the Audit Information and Expectation are part of the commitments signed and agreed by the Organization through the contract (F-2002) with QMSCERT.