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To the Members of
ISO/PC 283
Occupational health and safety management systems

**Communiqué on the February 2017 meeting of
ISO/PC 283/WG1 Development of ISO 45001
Vienna, Austria, 6 to 10th February 2017, and on ISO/DIS 45001.2**

The ballot on the Draft International Standard (DIS) of ISO 45001 *Occupational health and safety management systems – Requirements with guidance for use* closed in May 2016, and failed to approve the document. It also received approximately 3000 comments giving recommendations for improvement.

A meeting of ISO/PC 283 in June 2016 agreed that a second DIS should be produced and tasked its Working Group 1 (ISO/PC 283/WG1) to review the comments received and to produce a revised text.

The draft standard is divided into two main sections, an initial section giving requirements and an Annex A giving guidance. One of the agreed development criteria for ISO 45001 is that it should be closely aligned to ISO 14001 *Environmental management systems – Requirements with guidance for use*, to enable the two standards to be used in an "integrated" manner.

A further meeting of ISO/PC 283/WG1 was held in October 2016 in Lithuania, where the comments on the majority of the "requirements" section were processed; however, the (approximately 1000) comments on Annex A remained to be reviewed. Consequently an additional meeting of ISO/PC 283/WG1 was called for February 2017, to complete this task.



Delegates to the Vienna meeting, at AUVA's head office

The ISO/PC 283/WG1 meeting was successful and a revised text was produced. This was then sent for editing in preparation for the ballot on the second DIS.

During the editing process a number of key changes were introduced to the text:

- in the clause 1.Scope, where the text was aligned to that of the 1.Scope text of ISO 14001, to emphasize reference to “fulfilling legal requirements”;
- the renumbering of some of the sub-clauses in clauses 8 and A.8, in order that the clause on "Emergency preparedness" would be numbered 8.2, to align with ISO 14001;
- the inclusion of a new clause 10.1 and the associated A.10.1, again for alignment with ISO 14001 (and with ISO 9001 *Quality management systems - Requirements*);
- some additional informative and descriptive text in 8.1.6 regarding contractors, to try and resolve problems that a specific member had identified;
- an additional Note to the definition of “outsourcing”, as well as revised text for clause A.8.1.4 on outsourcing, to try and resolve problems that a specific member had identified.

The draft of ISO/DIS 45001.2 was subsequently made available by ISO in March 2017 to its member national standards bodies for translation purposes. The ballot on the 2nd DIS will start on 19th May and run until **13th July 2017**.

Further meetings of ISO/PC 283 and its WG1 are now planned for September 2017 in Melaka, Malaysia, in order to review the results of the ballot on the 2nd DIS.

In terms of the potential timeline for the publication of ISO 45001, the following could now occur, provided the 2nd DIS achieves approval:

- a) If the 2nd DIS only receives a limited number of comments, and the review of comments on the 2nd DIS is completed at the September meeting, and ISO/PC 283 is able to avoid the Final Draft International Standard (FDIS) stage, publication could be achieved by around November 2017;
- b) If an FDIS stage is decided as being necessary, or a large volume of comments is received (requiring additional meetings to process them), publication could be achieved by approximately March 2018 at the earliest.

ISO/PC 283 and WG1 are extremely grateful to AUVA (Allgemeine Unfallversicherungsanstalt - the Austrian Workers' Compensation Board) for having hosted the meeting at its head office in Vienna, for the superb facilities provided and for their hospitality.



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In closing its meeting, the WG gave its sincere thanks to Barbara Libowitzky and her two colleagues (both called Conny) from AUVA for all their outstanding assistance in arranging and supporting the meeting.

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