



# OHSAS 18001 Certification

Demonstrate your ability to manage hazards...

## BUSINESS CHALLENGE

Organizations of all kinds are increasingly concerned about achieving and demonstrating sound Occupational Health and Safety performance to their shareholders, employees, clients and other stakeholders by managing the hazards and improving the beneficial effects of their activities, products and services.

Increasingly, stringent legislation, the development of economic policies, human resources management and other measures are used to foster Occupational Health and Safety protection and welfare. A general growth of concern from stakeholders and other interested parties suggests a clear commitment to Occupational health and Safety is required.



## SOLUTION

### What is OHSAS 18001?

OHSAS 18001 is an international standard giving requirements related to health and safety management systems. It enables an organization to have control over, and knowledge of, all relevant hazards resulting from normal operations and abnormal situations, and improve its performance.

### What are the key benefits?

- Improve efficiency and consequently reduce accident and production time loss
- Increase control and reduction of hazards through the setting of objectives, targets and evolved responsibility
- Demonstrate your commitment to the protection of staff, property and plant
- Demonstrate legal compliance
- Increase your reputation for safety and occupational health
- Reduce insurance premiums
- Is an integral part of a sustainability strategy
- Encourage more effective internal and external communication
- Improve your safety culture

## WHY CHOOSE BUREAU VERITAS CERTIFICATION?

**Expertise** ■ Bureau Veritas Certification has issued over 5000 safety related certificates in all major industry sectors.

**Recognition** ■ One of the launch companies for OHSAS 18001.

**Network** ■ A global presence in more than 100 countries means clients benefit from both international expertise and in-depth knowledge of local standards.

**Mark of global recognition** ■ The Bureau Veritas Certification Mark is a globally recognized symbol of your organization's ongoing commitment to excellence, sustainability and reliability.



## RELATED SERVICES

Beyond OHSAS 18001, Bureau Veritas Certification can also offer certification related to health & safety management that includes:

- SQAS
- TAPA (Security)

ISO 9001, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001 and SA 8000 are built to be compatible. Bureau Veritas Certification offers the possibility of integrated certification services (quality, health & safety, environment, social responsibility), generating audit efficiency, consistency and optimization.



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## OUR CERTIFICATION PROCESS

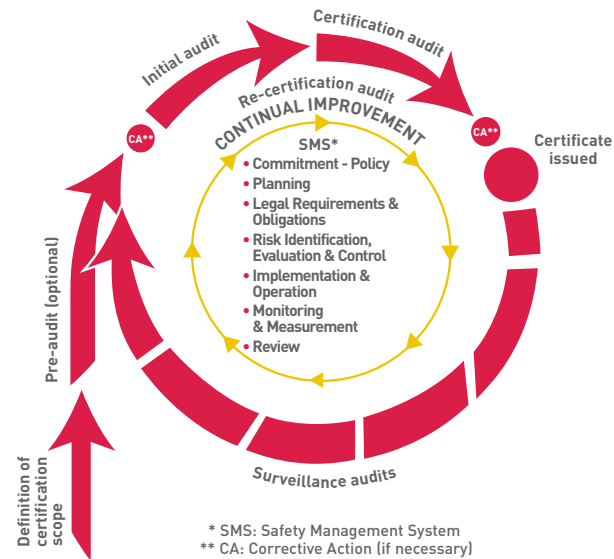
Key steps in our certification process are:

- Definition of certification scope;
- Pre-audit (optional); gap analysis and diagnosis of your current position against the scheme;
- Initial audit to verify the implementation of the basic structure of the Management System (legislation and regulations applying...);
- Certification audit (certificate issued);
- Surveillance audits to follow the continual improvement;
- Re-certification after 3 years through full audit or continual assessment.

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Following each step a straightforward and complete report is quickly delivered allowing your company to continually improve its Health and Safety management performance.



## FAQ

### What means OHSAS?

Its means Occupational Health and Safety Assessment Specification.

### Is OHSAS 18001 being revised? Is it better to wait?

OHSAS 18001 is under revision process and a revised document is expected up to the end of 2006. Nevertheless, it is not necessary to wait, because no big changers are expected. Besides that objectives of the current revision are to clarify some requirements and align the standard to the new ISO 14001:2004.

### Is it possible to have an accredited certificate?

Yes. Some local accreditation bodies have already developed accreditation schemes, and Bureau Veritas Certification is accredited in almost all of these countries. Besides that, the United Kingdom Accreditation Service has launched an accreditation scheme that must be completed by the first semester of 2007.

### Does OHSAS 18001 apply to all industries?

OHSAS 18001 is applicable to any organization from all types of business sectors and activities.

With 80,000 clients in more than 100 countries, delivering over 100,000 certificates, Bureau Veritas Certification is the world's leading certification body.

Relying on a global network of 5,700 highly qualified auditors and a vast expertise that is recognized by more than 35 national and international Accreditation Bodies, Bureau Veritas Certification provides you with a comprehensive range of certification and auditing services from public standards to more customized schemes, in the fields of Quality, Health, Safety, Environment, and Social Responsibility (QHSE-SR).

Bureau Veritas Certification (formerly BVQI) is the independant certification body of Bureau Veritas, which is an international group with a core business of conformity assessment, applied in the areas of QHSE-SR. Bureau Veritas serves more than 280,000 customers in 140 countries.

## CASE STUDIES

### Akzo Nobel (Netherlands)

Bureau Veritas Certification has been a global partner to the Akzo Nobel chemical group for many years. When OHSAS 18001 was published, Akzo Nobel, a forward thinking organization, was keen to demonstrate its commitment to safety. Akzo Nobel asked Bureau Veritas Certification to help it with its global certification program. They have achieved their certification objective by integrating their quality, environment and safety management system sand are maintaining their certification with ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001.



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