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Notice on changes in CNCA's Requirements of EMS

Certified Client/Applicant:

CNCA officially released a new version of the "Environmental management system Certification Rules" (CNCA-EMS-01: 2026) on January 14, 2026, hereinafter referred to as the New Rules, and in March 2026 It will be officially implemented on March 1, and the" Environmental management system Certification Rules "formulated by CIT will become invalid at the same time. Organizations that intend to apply to CIT for initial certification after March 1, 2026 and organizations that have been certified and intend to apply to CIT for maintaining/renewing certification certificates should pay attention to the following matters:

一、 Certification application and acceptance

 The organization applying for certification shall submit evidence that EMS has been established and operated for 3 months (including but not limited to the release and implementation time of system documents, system document implementation records, internal audit reports, management review records, process operation data, etc.).
 If an organization is included in the list of serious violations of law and dishonesty issued by the National Enterprise Credit Information Publicity System and Credit China, the application of the organization shall not be accepted.
 No environmental emergencies that have been ordered by the administrative supervision department to suspend production and business for rectification within one year, environmental emergencies that have occurred within one year, and administrative penalties related to the environment have been rectified according to relevant regulations.
 If the certification is suspended, withdrawn, or cancelled by the original CB for less than one year due to certified organization's reasons, neither the original CB nor the new CB shall accept the application of the organization.
 If the certification is invalid due to the withdrawal of the qualification of the original CB, the applicant organization shall apply to CIT 3 months after the withdrawal of the original CB.
 The applicant organization shall sign a legally binding certification contract with our institution, and the certified/applicant organization shall pay the certification fee directly to the certification body, and shall not be paid through a third party (except the superior unit or subordinate unit or individual industrial and commercial household).

二、 On-site audit implementation requirements

 The initial certification audit should be implemented in two stages: audit of the first stage and audit of the second stage. The shortest time interval between the two stages of audit should not be less than

5 days, and the longest should not exceed 6 months. If a longer interval is required, the first phase of audit should be re-implemented.
 The situation of off-site audit in the first stage is: only when the client has been certified for other management system certificates or obtained valid EMS certification with accreditation marks from other CBs, audit should adopt on-site audit in the first stage except for the above situations.
 The top management of the organization and the heads of EMS-related functional departments should attend the opening and closing meetings. If the top management is unable to attend the opening and closing meetings, other senior management members with written authorization should attend the meetings and explain the reasons for their absence to the audit team. The audit team will record the reasons for the absence of top management.
 The top management of the organization should cooperate with the audit team to understand its leadership role in EMS through face-to-face interviews and other forms and conduct key audit. If the top management is not familiar with the organization's own environmental policies and objectives, and does not personally participate in and promote the implementation of EMS, the certification audit should not be passed.
 The rules stipulate that the working hours of man-day are 8 hours. If the daily working hours of the organization are less than 8 hours, on-site audit can be conducted by temporary overtime work to cooperate with the audit team to complete 8 hours, and a description of overtime hours can be submitted. If you can't cooperate to complete 8 hours, please submit a description of the situation, and the number of days of audit must be extended to ensure that all days (hours) of audit people are completed.
 In case of the following circumstances, the audit team shall report to the certification body and terminate the audit:
A. The organization fails to cooperate with audit activities, and audit activities cannot be carried out;
b. The top management or authorized senior management members of the organization are absent from the first and last meetings;
c. There is a significant inconsistency between the actual situation of the organization and the application materials;
d. The production or service organized by the on-site audit on the same day is out of operation;
e. There are false information in relevant application information and documents of the organization;
f. Other circumstances that prevent the completion of audit proceedings.
 The certified organization shall keep the corresponding certification records within the validity period of the certification certificate, including at least: certification contract, audit plan, sign-in form for the first/last meeting, non-conformity report and cause analysis and corrective measures, audit report, suspension and revocation notice (when applicable).

III. audit follow-up activities

 If it is found in audit that the organization does not meet the requirements of applicable environmental laws and regulations, that is, it is a defect in the operation of the system, and a non-conformance item will be issued.
 If the audit team issues non-conformance items after the on-site audit, the organization shall submit non-conformance rectification materials to the audit team. The audit team submits the materials to the certification decision-making department of our institution to implement the certification decision-making procedure. When the organization is included in the list of serious violations of laws and promises issued by the "National Enterprise Credit Information Publicity

System" and "Credit China" in this link, the certification agency will not Issue a certification certificate to the organization, and the risks resulting therefrom shall be borne by the organization.
 major non-conformity items and their verification need to be completed within the specified time:
A. Initial certification: to be completed within 6 months from the end of the second phase of audit;
b. surveillance audit: within 3 months from the end of the audit;
c. Re-certification: completed before the original certification certificate expires.
The notification body shall not make a decision to grant accreditation, maintain accreditation or renew accreditation in case of failure to complete the measures taken for non-compliance within the prescribed time limit.

4. Maintenance/Renewal after certified

 certified organization shall keep the certification valid through an annual on-site audit. The time interval between the two surveillance audit shall not exceed 12 months, and the second surveillance audit shall be conducted within 24 months from the date of issuance of the certification.
 certified client should apply to CIT for re-certification 3 months in advance, and the re-certification audit should be conducted on site in certified organization, and the on-site audit should be completed before the certification expires.
 certified organization should ensure that the EMS certification is used for advertising and other related publicity when it is valid. It is not allowed to mark only the EMS certification mark on the product. Only by indicating the name of the EMS certification and certification body can the EMS certification mark be marked on the product packaging.
 When the certification is suspended/withdrawn/cancelled, the organization shall not continue to use the certification and certification mark.
 When certified organization is included in the list of serious violations of law and dishonesty by the National Enterprise Credit Information Publicity System and Credit China, the certification body will revoke its certification certificate within 5 days, and the resulting risks will be borne by the organization.

The New Rules is a regulatory document that must be observed in certification activities. Please attach great importance to the certified/applicant organizations, organize personnel to learn and fully understand the compliance requirements and risks of certification work, and actively integrate the changes in this rule revision into the system operation, and cooperate with CIT to complete relevant work to ensure that certification activities comply with the requirements of the new version of the "Rules". I sincerely thank you for your full support and deep trust. In the future, our organization will provide you with better certification services with a professional attitude!

If you need the "New Edition of Environmental management system Certification Rules" and the

"Interpretation of the New Edition of Environmental management system Certification Rules", please visit our website http://www.cnhonek.com to download and view it in the Public Documents Certification Rules. Thank you for your cooperation!

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