



QUALITY & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CERTIFICATION

Q&EMS-SME 2000



SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED ENTERPRISES (SMEs)

WHAT IS Q&EMS – SME 2000?

Q&EMS – SME 2000 is a management system which integrates Quality & Environmental Management Systems (Q&EMS) especially crafted to suit Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SME). It contains certain aspects of internationally recognised quality systems and necessary aspects of environmental systems including the regulatory requirements.

SME CERTIFICATION



The programme is geared for certification to criteria developed by the Trinidad & Tobago Bureau of Standards (TTBS). Your company can be a manufacturer or service provider. You can be a company having staff of five to fifty (50) employees.

BENEFITS OF CERTIFICATION

A third party certification scheme designed to be affordable to SMEs, it assists you in satisfying your customer requirements and legal obligations with respect to environmental issues. Improves overall company performance and productivity. Certification may also be used as a marketing tool to maintain competitiveness or to assist in gaining greater market share. Other benefits include:

- Greater employee knowledge of the company processes.
- Improved efficiency and reduction of costly mistakes including waste.
- Industry recognition.



IMPLEMENTING QUALITY & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

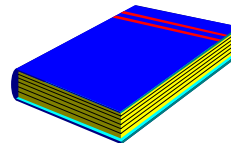
The SME is required to attend highly participative training programmes at an agreed frequency, usually once/ month, supplemented by a specific amount of on site assistance(at your company). This process should develop the necessary documentation and assist in implementing the system. **Management commitment and active involvement is very important to the success of the programme.** In the rare case where further assistance is still needed, this may be provided from an approved list of consultants. Our experience clearly demonstrates that the higher the participation of management, the lower is there a need for additional consultancy and hence the lower the costs to the SME.

HOW TO BECOME CERTIFIED ?



After the training programmes, the SMEs are given an agreed period for further implementation and internal auditing. TTBS auditors may pay a preliminary visit to your company. If everything is satisfactory, a site audit of your system will be undertaken at an agreed date. Certification will be granted once the outcome is satisfactory.

Q & EMS SME POTENTIAL



It is a very sound & beneficial intervention for companies wishing to improve their quality & environmental performance. It is also a great platform for companies wishing to obtain ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certification in the future.

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