



RC14001:2015 Technical Specification Changes

The below matrix highlights revisions made to align with the ISO 14001:2015 revisions.

Note: Four requirements from RC 14001:2013 have been eliminated, as the new ISO formatting text adequately addresses them.

RC14001:2013	Responsible Care box requirements (beyond that of ISO 14001)	RC14001:2015
4.2 Policy	Is supported by a demonstration of visible leadership, commitment and involvement from <u>senior management</u> and other levels of the organization with respect to Responsible Care	Eliminated—Covered by expanded 5.1 Leadership
	Shall promote openness with stakeholders	5.2 Policy
	Reflects a commitment to the Responsible Care Guiding Principles	
4.3.1 Environmental Aspects	Assess and prioritize transportation risk	6.1.2 Aspects
	Assess and prioritize risk for new, existing and changes to existing products	6.1.2 Aspects <i>Note: Text is modified</i>
	Assess and prioritize risk for new, existing and changes to existing processes	
	Monitor emerging environmental, health, safety and security concerns relevant to the organization’s business and maintain current information related to hazards and risks for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Products ▪ Processes ▪ <u>Activities associated with its operations</u> 	
	The organization shall also consider operational energy efficiency and waste minimization, reuse and recycling when identifying its aspects and impacts.	
4.4.1 Resources, Roles, Responsibility and Authority	A system to identify and assess program and organizational needs and to allocate resources to meet Responsible Care objectives, targets and programme(s).	Eliminated—Covered under 7.1 Resources
	A system to recognize the Responsible Care performance of employees	5.1 Leadership and Commitment
4.4.3 Communication	Have a system in place to assess stakeholder perspectives	Eliminated—Covered under 4.2 Understanding the needs and expectations of interested parties
	Involve employees in the development, communication and implementation of Responsible Care programs	4.4 Environmental Management System
	Establish and maintain dialogue with employees and stakeholders about its impact on human health, safety, security and the environment, its Responsible Care Management System performance, plans for improving the organization’s performance and management of relevant risks for:	7.4.1 General (Communication) <i>Note: Text is modified</i>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Products ▪ Processes; and ▪ Activities associated with its operations 	
	Have a system to make product safety and product stewardship information publicly available	7.4.3 External Communication
	Periodically evaluate the effectiveness of its communications programs with its stakeholders	9.1.1 General (Monitoring, measurement, analysis and evaluation)
	Participate in mutual assistance programs and sharing activities as embodied in Responsible Care.	8.1 Operational Planning and Control
4.4.6 Operational Control	Safe operations and maintenance systems sufficient to achieve its policy, objectives, targets and programs	8.1 Operational Planning and Control
	Systems to manage change for products, processes and activities associated with its operations, commensurate with risk	
	Systems to protect the environment, conserve resources, protect worker health and create a safe and secure work environment	
	Systems to facilitate the flow of hazard and safe handling information, appropriate guidance and training along the value chain to support risk evaluation and risk management of its products and for receiving such information from suppliers on goods and services used by the organization	
	Commensurate with risk, the organization shall have a process to work with as appropriate, review and assess customers, suppliers, contract manufacturers, carriers, distributors, contractors and third-party logistics providers based on Responsible Care or other health, safety, security and environmental performance criteria that have been established by the organization.	8.1 Operational Planning and Control <i>Note: Text is modified</i>
4.4.7 Emergency Preparedness and Response	Appropriate consideration of communications and community recovery needs	8.2 Emergency Preparedness and Response
	Appropriate participation in the development, implementation and maintenance of community emergency preparedness plans	
	An appropriate process for responding to raw material, product, process, waste material and transportation incidents	8.2 Emergency Preparedness and Response <i>Note: Text is modified</i>
4.5.1 Monitoring and Measurement	The organization shall use relevant measures and records to analyze environmental, health, safety, security and other Responsible Care performance and trends.	Eliminated—Covered under 9.1.1 General (Monitoring, measurement, analysis and evaluation)
4.5.3 Nonconformity, Corrective Action and Preventive Action	To identify, investigate cause(s) and assign significance to accidents and incidents. Appropriate corrective and/or preventive action(s) shall be taken to avoid reoccurrence	10.2 Nonconformity and Corrective Action <i>Note: Text is modified</i>
	To share key findings and associated corrective and preventive actions with relevant internal and external stakeholders	