Zhongcheng Times Certification Center Co., Ltd.

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Notice on the conversion of the environmental management system certification standard to ISO 14001:2026

Dear Certified Organizations and Stakeholders:

The ISO14001:2026 standard (hereinafter referred to as the "new version") was released on April 15, 2026. In order to orderly promote the revision work and continuously improve the effectiveness of environmental management system certification, Zhongcheng Times Certification Center (hereinafter referred to as the "Center"), in accordance with the Announcement of the Certification and Accreditation Administration of the People's Republic of China (No. 30 of 2015) and the requirements of relevant accreditation bodies regarding the revision, hereby notifies the following regarding the relevant work on the revision of the new version of the standard:

I. Certification Standard Conversion Period

(a) The transition period for the new standard is from the date of implementation of this notice to April 30, 2029. That is, from May 1, 2029, all environmental management system certification certificates based on GB/T 24001-2016/ISO 14001:2015 (hereinafter referred to as the old standard) will become invalid.
(b) Starting from October 1, 2027, the audit basis for the initial certification of the environmental management system shall be ISO14001:2026, and the center will no longer accept applications for initial certification of the environmental management system based on the old standard.
(c) To protect the interests of certified customers, the center will no longer issue environmental management system certification certificates based on the old standards starting from May 1, 2028. Until this date, the center can still carry out certification activities according to the old standards according to customer requirements. However, customers who hold certificates based on older standards should be aware of the potential impact of certificate expiration after the conversion period expires.
(d) During the transition period, the actual validity period of the environmental management system certification certificate issued by the center based on the old standard through initial certification and recertification shall not exceed April 30, 2029 (even if the validity period shown on the certification certificate exceeds April 30, 2029).

II. Conversion Time Arrangement and Conversion Method

(a) Customers who have obtained certification for their environmental management systems should plan and implement the conversion activities in accordance with their own circumstances, the

conversion period and the requirements of the new standard, and ensure that the conversion of certification certificates is completed before the conversion deadline;
(b) Certificate conversion may be carried out in conjunction with annual supervision audits or recertification audits, or the conversion audit may be carried out separately, according to the wishes of the certified customer.
(c) ISO 14001:2026 certificates with accreditation marks can only be issued after the centre has obtained the IAS conversion decision.
Please contact the center for detailed technical requirements and work arrangements regarding the conversion of certification standards.
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This is to inform you.

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