Occupational health & safety management in times of crisis

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AGENDA

- Introduction to ISO/TC 283, its activities and publications
- ISO PAS 45005 (Covid-19) and ISO 45006 (infectious diseases)
- Key points on managing OH&S in times of crisis
ISO/TC 283

ISO/TC 283 is responsible for developing standards for occupational health and safety (OH&S) management.

The standards developed in this committee are applicable to organizations of all sizes, sectors and locations and should drive improvement in OH&S performance.
## Current and future deliverables

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Safe working in the COVID-19 pandemic

May 2020: BSI developed the Safe Working Guidelines as a free resource. Written with input from broad range of experts and regular public consultation - 3 iterations in 3 months.

July 2020: Submitted to ISO to be developed as a global document.

September 2020: Developed as an ISO PAS (publicly available specification). Consensus achieved in 2 weeks with experts from 31 countries and 3 international liaison organizations.

November 2020: Approved by ballot of the 100 countries in the technical committee.

December 2020: Published.
ISO PAS 45005

• A generic document, suitable for any organization regardless of size, location or type

• Developed to reflect good practice from trusted sources across the world

• Plans to review and update if necessary, as knowledge grows and the situation changes
Comprehensive, practical recommendations for any organization

- Identifying and managing COVID-19 risk in all types of work settings

- Adjusting where, how and when you work – for individuals and as a whole

- Consulting with workers for the best possible outcomes

- Recognizing the importance of well-being and psychological health
- Managing outbreaks in workplaces and in mobile or home workers
- Dealing with contact tracing, testing and quarantine
- Responding effectively to sudden changes in restrictions or rules
- Managing hygiene and effective use of face coverings and PPE
- Communicating, monitoring and improving how you manage risks
### Managing OH&S in times of crisis – key points

- Plan for foreseeable crises
- Build agility into your management systems & resilience into operations
- Be prepared to be flexible
- Take into account the foundational importance of psychological health
- Clear, regular communication is essential
- Consult workers and worker representatives to ensure you have buy-in
- Don’t forget existing OH&S risks: changes can create new risks or compromise existing safety measures
Get involved

1. Comment on our documents – via your National Standards Body (NSB),
2. ISO/TC 283 surveys
3. Join your NSB’s national mirror committee
4. Represent your NSB in ISO/TC 283 activities
5. WCO could become a liaison organization in the TC

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