# ANTI-BRIBERY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CERTIFICATION

# Demonstrate your integrity and mitigate bribery risk

### **BUSINESS CHALLENGE**

The issue of corruption has been identified as a cross cutting and corrosive issue that undermines public trust in local and national governments, business and civil societyinstitutions. Along with national anti-bribery laws, international pressure in the form of UN and OECD anti-bribery conventions, have seen 41 countries establish laws forbidding the bribery of foreign officials, most notably the US's Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the UK's Bribery Act, whose reach has impacted multinational companies operating within and beyond those countries. It is not just the threat of financial penalties for companies whose representatives are found to have engaged in giving or receiving bribes, but the risk of directors' personal criminal or civil liability, that is driving organizational compliance programs.



### WHAT IS ISO 37001?

The publication of ISO 37001 Anti-Bribery Management Systems (ABMS) in 2016, enables organizations to establish procedures identifying and prioritizing the treatment of bribery risks and to train up and maintain the competence of business associates working for and on behalf of the company to do business with integrity. ISO 37001's structured approach to identifying, evaluating, analyzing and mitigating bribery risks with appropriate communication, training and procedures brings the standardized model used by other management systems to this important field of operational risk.

### WHO IS ISO 37001 FOR?

An ISO 37001 ABMS can be applied to all sizes and types of organizations, whether they be companies, public sector bodies or in the voluntary sector. It can be integrated into an existing compliance programme, and aligns with ISO 19600's guidance on compliance management systems and other High Level Structure (HLS) based ISO management systems standards to make this integration simpler. It can also be set up as a standalone management system. Multinational organizations may be exposed to multiple legal and cultural jurisdictions where laws and perceptions about bribery differ greatly. If a company is listed on stock exchanges, for example, in the USA or UK those countries' laws on anti-bribery bind them to treat bribery with the same seriousness in all their country operations. ISO 37001 enables international standardization of your procedures and training.



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### **KEY BENEFITS**



Prove that your organization has implemented "reasonable and proportionate" measures designed to prevent bribery and comply with the law



Provide assurance of your organization's integrity to owners, directors, employees, regulators and business associates



Key steps in our certification process are:

- Definition of certification scope
- **Pre-audit (optional)**: gap analysis and diagnosis of your current position against standard
- Certification audit performed in 2 stages:
- Stage 1 Readiness review performed to verify that the organization is ready for certification
- **Stage 2** Evaluation of implementation, including the effectiveness of the management system of the organization
- A **certificate** valid for 3 years is issued upon satisfactory results of stage 2 audit
- **Surveillance audits** to verify that the management system continues to fulfil the requirements of the standard and monitor the continual improvement
- **Re-certification** after 3 years to confirm the continued conformance and effectiveness of the management system as a whole



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Enhance your organization's reputation

associated with bribery

opportunities

Gain access to new business

and avoid the costs and reputational risks

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