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ISO 37001 – Anti Bribery Management Systems



But, the law alone is not sufficient to solve this problem. Organizations have a responsibility to proactively contribute to combating bribery. This can be achieved by an anti-bribery management system, which this document is intended to provide, and through leadership commitment to establishing a culture of integrity, transparency, openness and compliance. The nature of an organization's culture is critical to the success or failure of an anti-bribery management system.

Anti Bribery Management Systems

Anti-bribery management system is a set of requirements and guidelines to develop reasonable and proportionate measures to prevent, detect and respond to bribery, proactively combating bribery in an effective and efficient manner and specifies implementation by the organization of policies, procedures and controls which are reasonable and proportionate to the bribery risks organization faces.

The bribery risks facing an organization vary according to factors such as the size of the organization, the locations and sectors in which the organization operates, and the nature, scale and complexity of the organization's activities. ISO 37001 – ABMS, specifies the implementation of policies, procedures and controls which are reasonable and proportionate according to the bribery risks the organization faces.

A well-managed organization is expected to have a compliance policy supported by appropriate management system standard to assist it in complying with its legal obligations and commitment to integrity. Thus, ISO 37001 (ABMS - Anti-Bribery Management System) provides an opportunity to mitigate the costs, identify reasonable and proportionate controls towards ZERO tolerance for bribery, promote trust and confidence in business dealings, promote positive culture, enhance all stakeholders trust, confidence, market acceptance and enhance its reputation.



ISO 37001 –ABMS, was prepared by Technical Committee (TC) ISO/TC 309, which is a framework/model for business processes, and addresses the following as key aspects,

- Bribery in public, private and not-for-profit sectors
- Bribery by the organization
- Bribery by the organization personnel acting on the organization behalf or for its benefits



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- Bribery by the organization business associates acting on the organization's behalf or for its benefits
- Bribery of the organization
- Bribery of the organization personnel in relation to the organization's activities
- Bribery of the organization business associates in relation to the organization's activities
- Direct and in-direct bribery (ie., bribe offered or accepted through or by third party)

Organisations that claim to have adopted ISO 37001 - ABMS can therefore be formally audited and certified compliant with the standard. However, conformity to ISO 37001 – ABMS, cannot provide assurance that no bribery has occurred or will occur in relation to the organization, as it is not possible to completely eliminate the risk of bribery. However, ABMS can help the organization implement reasonable and proportionate measures designed to prevent, detect and respond to bribery, thus making it a key differentiator when effectively implemented and providing acceptance from organisations, all stake-holders and governing authorities globally.


Leadership commitment to establishing a culture of integrity, transparency, openness, and compliance leading to an organization culture is critical to the success or failure of an 'anti-bribery management systems'

Benefits of ISO 37001 – Anti Bribery Management Systems,

- Culture of integrity
- Transparency, openness & compliance
- Prevent, detect & respond to bribery
- Promote trust & customer confidence
- Confidence in business & improved reputation
- Mitigate costs on the risks & damage arising out of bribery
- Acceptance in national & global market leading to recognition
- Reduction in liabilities (risk prevention)
- Work discipline through defined set of norms



IQC's global network of auditors allows organisations to work directly with local experts, to add value and mitigate risks with an IAS - accredited ISO 37001 Anti-Bribery Management System certification.

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