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Understanding BS 10500 / ISO37001 Anti-Bribery Management System



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WHAT IS BS 10500 ISO 37001?

It is designed to help an organization establish, implement, maintain, and improve an anti-bribery compliance program or “management system.” It includes a series of measures and controls that represent global anti-corruption good practice.

Crime happens in the most unlikely places and your organization could be one of them. Criminal offences like bribery and corruption do occur in businesses. That’s why the British Standards Institution has developed BS 10500 / ISO 37001 Anti-bribery Management Systems Specification; which provides step-by-step guidance to organization for implementing the right policies, procedures and controls to mitigate bribery risk.

BS 10500 / ISO 37001 was developed in response to a new age of harder implementation and peer-centred lack of tolerance to corruption and bribery. It provides an anti-bribery framework designed for organizations of all sizes, sectors and locations, and is particularly recommended for industries with greater exposure to risk – including construction, engineering, mining and utilities. It provides a management system that enables you to put the right anti-bribery controls in place across your business and supply chain.

As anti-bribery legislation gets tougher, the risk of corruption grows, particularly within the global markets in which we operate. BS 10500 / ISO 37001 is designed for organizations to showcase their honest business practices to stakeholders, internal and external, by demonstrating the implementation of a robust anti-bribery policy and practice.



Providing BS 10500 / ISO 37001 consulting, Training, Implementation and Certification facilitation services across the world.

Certifying BS 10500 / ISO 37001 ABMS allows your organization to:

- Confidently manage bribery risks
- Mitigate the Bribery Act penalty of “failure of a commercial organization to prevent bribery”
- Validate efforts to comply with applicable laws and regulations
- Implement control systems that provide a documented and effective audit trail
- Verify that control systems are in place as counter-measures to the risks an organization faces.
- Confirm the use of stringent measures to prevent, detect, and report bribery occurrences
- Continually manage, monitor and improve anti-bribery practices over time
- Preserve business reputation and demonstrate a strong ethical commitment to business stakeholders and the public
- Confidently conduct business using management systems that are tested for integrity through a neutrally and independently awarded certification process

What is bribery?

Bribery is the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of something of value for the purpose of influencing the action of an official in the discharge of his or her public or legal duties. A bribe can consist of cash or personal favours, or any act or gesture the recipient may view as valuable.

What is BS 10500 / ISO 37001 certification?

BS 10500 / ISO 37001 has received a powerful declaration of support with official endorsement from the World Federation of Engineering Organizations, which represents over 15,000,000 engineers in national engineering organizations worldwide. Proven anti-bribery procedures are slated to become the norm for many Invitations To Tender processes in the near future, much as they are now for Quality, Health & Safety and Environment. Responsible organizations vie to showcase this aspect and the BS 10500 / ISO 37001-certificated ABMS provides them this opportunity. Its specifications are appropriate for use by organizations in the private, public and voluntary sectors. It is extremely beneficial to organizations in the construction, engineering, defense, mining and utilities sectors.

Key aspects of BS 10500 / ISO 37001 standard

- Anti-bribery policy
- Analyses of bribery risks
- Training and internal communication about bribery
- Verifying Partners
- Allocation of decision to relevant authorities
- Gifts and hospitality
- Facilitation payments
- Measures allowing to call attention to the bribery
- Procedures for investigation and disciplinary action
- Internal audits
- Reviewing and improving the anti-bribery policy and processes of the organization
- A series of measures and controls to help prevent, detect, and address bribery, among them:
 - An anti-bribery policy, procedures, and controls
 - Top management leadership, commitment and responsibility
 - Senior level oversight
 - Anti-bribery training
 - Risk assessments
 - Due diligence on projects and business associates

Important parts of the Anti-Bribery Management System:

- i) Clear top management statements on bribery and corruption,
- ii) Guidelines for personnel setting out how to deal with specific examples of bribery and corruption,
- iii) Due diligence procedures for business partners,
- iv) Training and communication,
- v) Regular assessment of the effectiveness of the various procedures that the company has in place.



Wepartner with Your Organisation to achieve BS 10500 / ISO 37001 certification:

Since 2004, we have successfully helped organisations,of all capacities in every sphere of business across private and public sectors, to design and set up new or improved management systems

Our qualified, motivated and experienced consultants will support yourorganisation in achieving and maintaining an ABMS BS 10500 / ISO 37001 system.Our dedicated approach to your success and a host of comprehensive services are all aimed towards helping your organizationachieve BS 10500 / ISO 37001certification.

We enable organizations to align themselves for certification by:

- Conducting an initial gap analysis.
- Helping you establish policies and objectives.
- Identifying documentation requirements.
- Coordinating document preparation, reviews, approvals, and issuance.
- Managing implementation schedules, training, follow-up actions.

In addition to consulting (onsite and online), we provide the following trainings:

- BS 10500 / ISO 37001Overview Training
- BS 10500 / ISO 37001Awareness Training
- BS 10500 / ISO 37001Internal Auditor training
- BS 10500 / ISO 37001Implementation training

With a team of highly qualified consultants and trainers, having vast industrial experience, we partner with organizations across the world to implement and achieve BS 10500 / ISO 37001.

Our consulting approach is highly professional, time bound and effective, resulting in ease of implementation, and adds value to the business processes of the client organization.

