Occupational health & safety management in times of crisis

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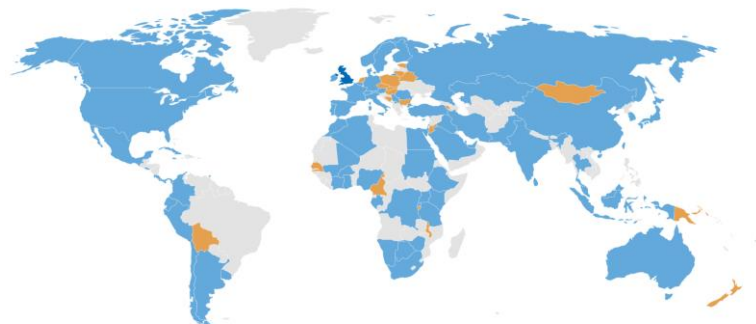Chair, ISO/TC 283, Occupational Health & Safety Management

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.

80 participating member countries

19 observing member countries

Current and future deliverables

Number	Title	Publication date
ISO 45001	Occupational health and safety management systems - requirements	March 2018
ISO 45001 (Handbook)	A practical guide for smaller organizations	September 2020
ISO 45002	General guidelines on implementation of ISO 45001:2018	Due 2022
ISO 45003	Psychological Health and Safety in the Workplace – Guidelines	Due 2021
ISO 45004	OH&S performance evaluation guidelines	Provisional: 2024
ISO PAS 45005	Safe working during the COVID-19 pandemic - Guidelines	December 2020
ISO 45006	Preventing & managing infectious diseases	Provisional: 2023

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

ISO

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

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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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