

Legal Watch

DTI ADOPTS UPDATED ISO ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARD
TO HELP FIRMS CUT POLLUTION AMID CLIMATE RISKS



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DTI adopts updated ISO environmental standard to help firms cut pollution amid climate risks
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SUMMARY

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) has adopted PNS ISO 14001:2026, Environmental Management Systems — Requirements with Guidance for Use, as a Philippine National Standard. Approved in April 2026, the updated standard provides businesses with a framework to reduce waste, lower emissions, and improve environmental performance. It replaces PNS ISO 14001:2024, which was based on the 2015 ISO standard and later amended in 2024.

The revised standard aligns with the latest global requirements of the International Organization for Standardization and introduces clearer provisions to support companies in managing environmental risks and adopting sustainable practices. While compliance remains voluntary, the standard is intended to guide organizations in improving environmental accountability and addressing the effects of climate change.

Through the DTI Bureau of Philippine Standards, the government continues to promote standards aimed at improving product quality, protecting consumers, and enhancing industry competitiveness. Copies of the standard are available through the DTI-BPS Standards Data Center.

ACTIONABLE ADVICE

Businesses should consider conducting a gap assessment against PNS ISO 14001:2026 to determine alignment with current environmental practices. While not mandatory, adoption may support compliance with environmental regulations, strengthen Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) positioning, and meet counterpart or supply chain requirements.

Companies are advised to review internal controls on waste, emissions, and environmental risk, and ensure relevant policies and procedures are documented.