

## **ISO 39001:2012 – Road traffic safety (RTS) management systems – Requirements with guidance for use**

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### **Abstract**

ISO/TC 241 has developed ISO 39001:2012, which is an important and integral part of the work of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration/UNRSC and Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020. Reference will be made to parts of ISO 39001 – for information, clarification, purpose and application. Examples of good practice of ISO 39001 will be presented. ISO 39001 is designed to work on its own, parallel or integrated with other ISO MSS, management system standards, in any size or type of private or public organization, to develop a structured and effective Road Traffic Safety/RTS system to save lives.

### **ISO 39001 – Road traffic safety management system standard**

ISO/TC 241 has over 50 member countries (both developed and developing countries) and 20 international liaison organizations, including the World Bank and the World Health Organization.

ISO 39001:2012 specifies requirements for a road traffic safety (RTS) management system to enable an organization that interacts with the road traffic system to reduce, and ultimately eliminate, the incidence and risk of death and serious injuries related to road traffic crashes which it can influence. This focus can also result in a more cost-effective use of the road traffic system.

The requirements in ISO 39001:2012 include development and implementation of an appropriate RTS policy, development of RTS objectives and action plans, which take into account legal and other requirements to which the organization subscribes, and information about elements and criteria related to RTS that the organization identifies as those which it can control and those which it can influence.

The international standard ISO 39001 is applicable to any organization, public and private, regardless of size and product or service provided, that wishes to

- improve RTS performance;
- establish, implement, maintain and improve an RTS management system;
- assure itself of conformity with its stated RTS policy; and
- demonstrate conformity with this International Standard.

ISO 39001 identifies elements of good RTS management practice that will enable the organization to achieve its desired RTS results.

It can be used by internal and external parties, including certification bodies, to assess the organization's ability to meet the requirements.

International experience has shown that a decrease in death and serious injury can be achieved through the adoption of a holistic Safe System approach to RTS, with a focus on RTS results and evidence-based actions, supported by appropriate organizational management capacity.

Government cannot achieve these reductions alone. Organizations of all types and sizes, as well as individual road users, have a role to play. By adopting this International Standard, organizations should be able to achieve RTS results at levels that exceed what can be achieved through compliance with laws and standards alone, and, at the same time, contribute to the achievement of societal goals.

The management system specified in this International Standard focuses the organization on its RTS objectives and RTS targets and guides the planning of activities that will realize these goals by using a Safe System approach to RTS. Annex B in ISO 39001 describes categories of RTS results, the Safe System approach and a framework for good practice RTS management and shows how they can be aligned with this International Standard.

Annex A in ISO 39001 provides guidance on the implementation of this International Standard.

ISO 39001 can be integrated into, or made compatible with, other management systems (see also Annex C) and processes within the organization.

ISO 39001 promotes the use of an iterative (Plan-Do-Check-Act) process approach that will guide the organization towards delivery of the RTS results.

### **ISO 39002 – Good practices for implementing commuting safety management**

The guidance standard ISO 39002 is under development by ISO/TC 241.

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