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Certification by a recognized body of the facilities, capability, objectivity, competence, and integrity of an agency, service, operational group, or individual to provide the specific service or operation needed. For example, the Registrar Accreditation Board accredits those organizations that register companies to the ISO 9000 Series Standards.

A voluntary consensus standard on occupational health and safety management systems. It uses recognized management system principles in order to be compatible with quality and environmental management system standards such as the ISO 9000 and ISO 14000 Series.

Minerals mined in conditions of armed conflict and human rights abuses, and that are sold or traded by armed groups.

Documentation of competency by a supplier or by an organization, such as ISO 9000 certification. See: supplier certification, ISO 9000.

A collection of manufacturing activities that includes design of the product, facility, manufacturing processes, logistics, and supplier relationships that reduce or eliminate environmental waste through innovation and improvements.

A firm that operates in such a way as to minimize detrimental impacts on society. See: green manufacturing, green supply chain.

A network-based organization that pioneered the world's most widely used sustainability reporting framework.

Designing with consideration of how a product or its packaging will ultimately be disposed.

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Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Reporting Framework

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Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

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A series of generic environmental management standards, developed by the International Organization for Standardization, that provide structure and systems for managing environmental compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements and affect every aspect of a company's environmental operations.

The framework that sets out the principles and performance indicators organizations can use to measure and report their human rights, labor, environment, and anticorruption practices and outcomes.

A set of international standards about quality management and quality assurance developed to help companies effectively document the quality system elements to be implemented to maintain an efficient quality system. The standards, initially published in 1987, are not specific to any particular industry, product, or service. The standards were developed by the International Organization for Standardization, known as ISO, a specialized international agency for standardization composed of the national standards bodies of 91 countries. The standards underwent major revision in 2015 and now include ISO 9000:2015 (definitions), ISO 9001:2015 (requirements), and ISO 9004:2015 (guidance).

An international standard adopted by the International Organization for Standardization to assist organizations in contributing to sustainable development beyond legal compliance through a common understanding of social responsibility. [This] is not a management system standard and is not intended or appropriate for certification purposes or regulatory or contractual use.

A widely recognized international standard for managing human rights in the workplace. It provides an auditable framework for assuring that social accountability is being stewarded by an organization.

A set of recommendations about responsible business conduct addressed by governments to multinational enterprises (MNEs) operating in or from adhering countries that encourage and maximize the positive impact MNEs can make to sustainable development and enduring social progress. See: multinational corporation.

An organizational focus on activities that provide present benefit without compromising the needs of future generations.