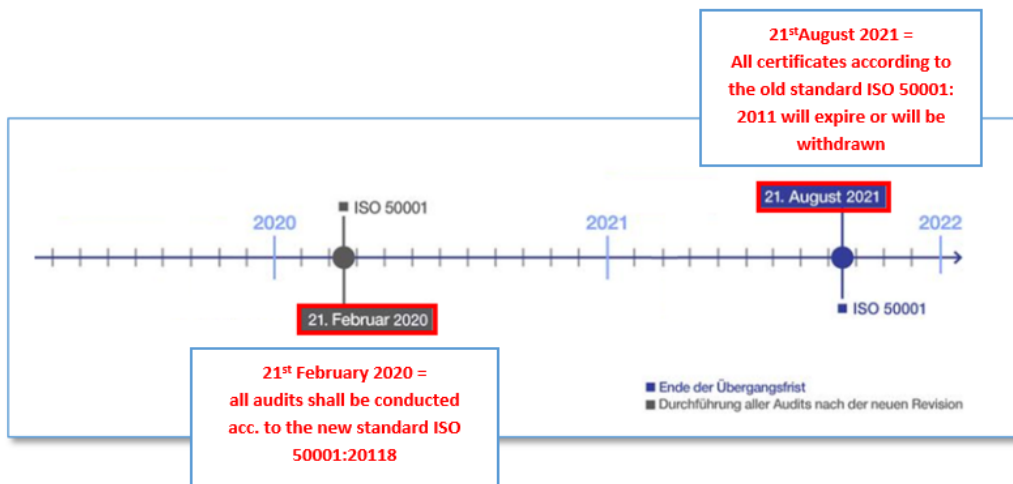# Transition to ISO 50001:2018

On **August 21, 2018**, the **International Organization for Standardization (ISO)** published the revised standard **ISO 50001: 2018** energy management systems.

18-month period (deadline 21st February 2020)

From 21st February 2020 (i.e. 18 months after publication of the new standard) the certification bodies may no longer carry out certification, monitoring and re-certification audits according to the old standard ISO 50001: 2011!

The comparably short deadline - compared to ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 9001:2015 - is intended by the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) to avoid audit accumulation towards the end of the transition period, as faced during the transition process of ISO 9001 and ISO 14001.

36-month period (deadline 21st August 2021)

In addition, the International Accreditation Forum has specified that certificates according to the old standard ISO 50001: 2011 are valid for max. 36 months from the date of publication of ISO 50001: 2018.

All certificates according to the old standard ISO 50001: 2011 will expire or will be withdrawn on 21st August 2021 at the latest!

This deadline might not seem to be necessary at first sight, because all EnMS-audits shall be carried out acc. to the new standard from 21st February 2020, which usually results to a transfer prior to 21st August 2021.

> **What is the reason for a 36-month deadline?**
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> The 36-month deadline applies if a re-certification audit or a first surveillance audit under the old standard is carried out shortly before 21.02.2020 and the following surveillance audit is scheduled to a later date (i.e. postponed).
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> In that case, the 36-month period limits the latest possible date for the finalization of the surveillance audit (including veto) to 20st August 2021!
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> Otherwise, there will be a gap in the certificate, which should be avoided in any case - especially if national laws require a gapless certification as a prerequisite e.g. for tax refunds.

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Upgrade-Audit

The <u>additional effort</u> for the upgrade-audit is defined as follows:

- **At least + 0,25 days on-site** for a transfer during a re-certification audit
- **At least + 4 hours** for a transfer during a surveillance audit

Deviations from this rule might be possible for individual cases, but will require a special approval by the certification body in any case.

> For **new offers** please consider the additional effort for the upgrade-audit already now in the calculation. Usually the upgrade-audit will be the first audit after 20th February 2020!

*The **upgrade-audit details** are subject to the pending publication of the DAkkS guidance on transition to ISO 50001: 2018.*