ISO 56002 – Innovation Management – Clause 7

Clause 7.5 – Documentation

Clause 7.6 – Tools and Methods









7.5 Documented information

7.5.1 General

The organization's innovation management system should include:

a) documented information suggested by this document;

b) documented information determined by the organization as being necessary for the effectiveness of the innovation management system.

NOTE The extent of documented information for an innovation management system can differ from one organization to another due to:

1) the size of organization and its type of activities, processes, products, and services;

2) the complexity of processes and their interactions;

3) the competence of persons.



7.5.2 Creating and updating

When creating and updating documented information, the organization should ensure appropriate:

a) identification and description, e.g. a title, date, version, author, or reference number;

b) format, e.g. language, software version, graphics, and media, e.g. paper or electronic;

c) review and approval for suitability and adequacy.



7.5.3 Control of documented information

Documented information required by the innovation management system should be controlled to ensure:

a) it is available and suitable for use, where and when it is needed;

b) it is adequately protected, e.g. from loss of confidentiality, improper use, or loss of integrity.

For the control of documented information, the organization should address the following activities, as applicable:

1) distribution, access, level of confidentiality, retrieval, and use;

2) storage and preservation, including preservation of legibility;

3) control of changes, e.g. version control;

4) retention and disposition.

Documented information of external origin determined by the organization to be necessary for the planning and operation of the innovation management system should be identified, as appropriate, and controlled.

NOTE Access can imply a decision regarding the permission to view the documented information only, or the permission and authority to view and change the documented information.



7.6 Tools and methods

The organization should determine, provide, and maintain the necessary tools and methods for developing, maintaining, and improving the innovation management system.

The organization should consider:

a) selecting and providing a mix of appropriate tools and methods supporting innovation activities, as well as for different types of innovations activities;

b) creating awareness of, ensuring access to, and providing training for, the available tools and methods;

c) sharing, re-use and collaboration in the use of tools and methods.

Tools and methods can be of different types, including descriptive, provocative, participative, challenging, analytical, and communicative. They can take many forms and formats, including guides, instructions, games, templates, presentations, videos, software, and hardware.

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Three takeaways from Documentation and , Tools & Methods

- Don't 'over-document' this makes a project get bogged down
- 2. Have enough to assess the good and not-so-good parts
- 3. Innovation needs a process like any other activity in your organization

