

Templates &

Explanatory Notes

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ENVIRONMENTAL MODULE

EM1 Permits, Licences, Statutory

EM1.1 Are there environmental related permits required by local or national authorities?

Permits and licences are the official documents, issued by a government agency or body, that detail permissions for a company to conduct particular business activities within that government body's jurisdiction. The licenses and permits that are required in order to operate your business will depend largely upon where you are located and the nature of your business.

In consideration of environmental responsibility, we would typically expect an organisation to have statutory licences and permits related to:

- Permissions to operate within an environmental framework
- Permissions to receive inputs, e.g., water, electricity, at the quantities an industrial facility would normally require, especially if the facility is taking inputs from natural sources
- Permissions to emit, discharge, or dispose of outputs
- Health and safety / major accident permits
- Personal data
- Statutory

The above list is not exhaustive.

It is the company's responsibility to know what permit and licencing requirements there are, and the auditor will require proof of all applicable licences and permits during your audit.

See note below about Legal Compliance Register

EM1.2 Are the environmental related permits listed on the company legal/compliance register (LCR)?

A Legal Compliance Register is a form of document that details all the application legislative requirements that a company needs to ensure they are compliant with, according to the business activities carried out. This important resource will enable you to fulfil EM1.1 by ensuring that all your permits and licences are logged in a central record.

The register should include:

- Title of the legal permit or licence
- The issue date of the permit or licence
- The issuing authority (i.e., local, or national government body)
- Key information (i.e. description of contents)
- Renewal date of the permit or licence