

CERTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS: THE SITUATION IN UKRAINE

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In an era of heightened environmental awareness and growing global challenges such as climate change, biodiversity loss, and resource depletion, the issue of the impact of organizational activities on the environment is becoming increasingly relevant. Ukraine faces large-scale environmental problems that affect both human health and the state of the natural environment.

Military actions, in particular, have a significant negative impact, causing soil, water, and air pollution due to explosions, fires, and emissions from military equipment. Therefore, the certification of environmental management systems in accordance with ISO 14001 requirements has become a new element of national security.

Certification for compliance with this standard demonstrates that organizations commit not only to meeting regulatory requirements but also to taking actions aimed at improving the current state of the environment. As of today, enterprises in Ukraine have already received more than 6,000 environmental certificates [1]. Although Ukraine is not among the top ten countries worldwide in terms of the number of certified systems under ISO 14001, the dynamics of environmental certification continue to grow (with the exception of 2022). In 2024 alone, there were 729 certified environmental management systems – an increase of 148% compared to 2023 [2].

Regarding the distribution of environmental management systems by sector, the certification covers a wide range of industries (see table).

Table. Amount of companies from various branches that have passed eco-certification in Ukraine in 2024 year

Sector	Number	Sector	Number
Transport, storage and communication	44	Electricity supply	30
Electrical and optical equipment	43	Food products, beverage and tobacco	15
Wholesale & retail trade, repairs of motor vehicles, motorcycles & personal & household goods	41	Basic metal & fabricated metal products	11
Machinery and equipment	37	Pharmaceuticals	13
Engineering services	36	Chemicals, chemical products & fibres	9
Other Services	36	Agriculture, Fishing and Forestry	7
Construction	35	Textiles and textile products; Leather and leather products	6
Health and social work; Other social services	32	Sector unknown	334

Source: compiled by the author based on [2].

Thus, the approach of Ukrainian enterprises toward environmental certification demonstrates their strong reputation, fosters stakeholder trust, and represents a positive step toward participation in global trade.

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