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**DRAFT TANZANIA STANDARD**

**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT — ENVIRONMENTAL  
PERFORMANCE EVALUATION — GUIDELINES.**

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## NATIONAL FOREWORD

0. This Tanzania Standard is a verbatim identity of ISO 14031:2013- Environmental management- Environmental performance evaluation — Guidelines, published by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

### 0.1 Terminology and Conventions

The text of the International Standard is hereby being recommended to be approved for publication as a Tanzania standard without deviation. Some terminology and certain conversion are not identical with those used in Tanzania Standards; attention is drawn to the following:

Comma (,) has been used as decimal marker for metric dimensions. In Tanzania, it is current practice to use a full point (.) on the baseline as a decimal marker.

Wherever the words “International Standard” appear in this standard, they should be interpreted as “Tanzania Standard”.

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## Scope

This international standard is the second edition published in 2013. This replaced the 1st edition of 1999.

This international standard gives guidance on the design and use of environmental performance evaluation (EPE) within an organization. EPE enables organizations to measure, evaluate and communicate their environmental performance using key performance indicators (KPIs), based on reliable and verifiable information.

EPE is a tool that can be used to assess environmental performance and identify areas for improvement. It is an ongoing process of collection and assessment of data and information to provide a current evaluation of performance, as well as performance trends over time.

Information generated by EPE can help the organization to;

- Identify the environmental aspects and determine which are significant.
- Set objectives and targets for improving environmental performance.
- Identify trends in environmental performance.
- Review and improve efficiency and effectiveness.
- Evaluate compliance with legal requirements.
- Report and communicate environmental performance internally and externally.

EPE follows a "Plan-Do-Check-Act (PDCA)" management model. It is applicable to small and large enterprises and can be used to support Environmental Management System or used independently.