



Status of Internal Auditing (RC Audits)

It is important to improve the effectiveness of RC activities through internal audits.

We have been conducting RC auditing of all NOF plants and works since fiscal 1998 as well as of our domestic and overseas subsidiaries with manufacturing divisions since fiscal 2005 in order to strengthen our self-inspection activities and promote RC activities.

In fiscal 2023, we are conducting planned audits of the entire NOF Group, including overseas businesses, like before the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to confirming progress toward the RC activity targets set annually by the NOF Group, the audits also set common priority themes each time. By probing these themes, we are endeavoring to raise the level of activities conducted at each works to ensure the five components of safety.

If any item needs improvements, we follow up on the progress and confirm the completion of measures.

Priority themes in the past five years are listed on the right.

Implementation status of RC auditing

FY	Priority theme in audit
FY2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Confirmation of the status of maintenance and management for environmental facilities● Confirmation of the status of SDS management● Confirmation of safety upon delivering hazardous materials● Confirmation of status of management of specific chemical substances
FY2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Confirmation of the preparedness for earthquakes and tsunami● Confirmation of status of management of PCB waste disposal● Confirmation of safety measures for movable objects● Confirmation of monitoring of legal and regulatory changes
FY2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Propose use of hoses● Confirmation of management status for the Ordinance on Prevention of Organic Solvent Poisoning and Ordinance on Prevention of Hazards Due to Specified Chemical Substances● Confirmation of appropriate protective equipment decisions and usage control status● Confirmation of energy management status
FY2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Amendment of the Act on Confirmation, etc. of Release Amounts of Specific Chemical Substances in the Environment and Promotion of Improvements to the Management Thereof (PRTR Act)● Confirmation of safety of portable equipment● Confirmation of implementation of safety assessments● Confirmation of progress of CO₂ reduction measures
FY2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Amendment of the Ordinance on Industrial Safety and Health● Status of implementation of measures to prevent falls, tumbles, and crashes● Status of implementation of measures to prevent chemical burn accidents● Confirmation of progress of measures to reduce emissions of CO₂ and PRTR Act-controlled substances



The NOF Group is promoting the acquisition of certification by competent outside bodies as a means of improving transparency and objectivity of environmental safety activities.

Development status of EMS^{*1} (Environmental Management Systems)

All of NOF's works and plants with manufacturing divisions have acquired ISO 14001 certification, and are implementing systematic environmental improvement activities, with the particulars of business and local characteristics taken into

consideration. Six of the companies affiliated with NOF have acquired ISO 14001 certification. Also, Nichiyu Logistics has obtained Green Management certification from the Foundation for Promoting Personal Mobility and Ecological Transportation.

Rate of acquisition of ISO 14000 certification
(production volume basis^{*2})

FY2023 environmental
certification

Domestic
Group **94%**

NOF Group **91%**

FY2024 environmental
certification

Domestic
Group **93%**

NOF Group **90%**



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Works and plants	Environmental Management Systems	Certification number	Latest recertification date	Inquiries
Kawasaki Works	ISO 14001	JP022321	March 2022	https://www.nof.co.jp/company/plant
Aichi Works	ISO 14001	JP023236	January 2023	
Amagasaki Plant	ISO 14001	4705737-2A	September 2022	
Oita Plant	ISO 14001	JP024408	January 2024	

Group companies

Name	Environmental Management Systems	Certification number	Latest recertification date	Inquiries
Nippon Koki Co., Ltd. Shirakawa Plant	ISO 14001	JSAE741	December 2021	https://www.nippon-koki.co.jp/
NOF METAL COATINGS ASIA PACIFIC CO., LTD.	ISO 14001	JP021946	December 2021	https://www.nofmetalcoatings.com/asia-pacific/
Changshu NOF Chemical Co., Ltd.	ISO 14001	CN20/21620	January 2024	https://www.nof-cs.com.cn/
NOF METAL COATINGS EUROPE S.A.	ISO 14001	BR040178	December 2023	https://www.nofmetalcoatings.com/europe/
NOF METAL COATINGS EUROPE N.V.	ISO 14001	10477422	November 2022	https://www.nof.co.jp/company/group-companies
NOF METAL COATINGS SOUTH AMERICA IND. E COM.LTDA.	ISO 14001	'N° 2000/14320.7	December 2023	https://www.nofmetalcoatings.com/south-america/

^{*1} Acronym for Environmental Management System. A management system comprising a framework for an organization to formulate, implement, review and maintain its environment policy; and encompassing planning activities, responsibilities, practices, processes, and management resources.

^{*2} Production volume basis: Based on the total production volume of works, plants, and affiliates with production divisions (4 non-consolidated, 9 domestic affiliates, and 6 overseas affiliates)