

Commission Decision (EU) 2020/1802 of 27 November 2020 amending the user's guide setting out the steps needed to participate in EMAS, under Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the voluntary participation by organisations in a Community eco-management and audit scheme (EMAS) (notified under document C(2020) 8151) (Text with EEA relevance)

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009 on the voluntary participation by organisations in a Community eco-management and audit scheme (EMAS), repealing Regulation (EC) No 761/2001 and Commission Decisions 2001/681/EC and 2006/193/EC<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 46(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision (EU) 2017/2285 of 6 December 2017 amending the user's guide setting out the steps needed to participate in EMAS, under Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the voluntary participation by organisations in a Community eco-management and audit scheme (EMAS)<sup>(2)</sup> defines in paragraph 2.4.3 of Annex I the requirements for the utilisation of a sampling method for verification of multisite organisations.
- (2) Paragraph 2.4.3.3(a) of the user's guide, contained in Annex I to Decision (EU) 2017/2285, defines sectors in which the use of a sampling method for the verification of multisite organisations is allowed (Table 9).
- (3) Paragraph 2.4.3.3(b) of the user's guide defines sectors in which the use of a sampling method for the verification of multisite organisations can be allowed in pilot projects (Table 10) and specifies that, after a pilot project and based on the pilot project evaluation, the EMAS Committee may recommend to include the sector in the list of sectors in which the use of a sampling method is allowed (Table 9).
- (4) Two pilot projects in sectors listed in Table 10 have been carried out in Germany: one project in the retail sector (NACE Code 47.1) and one project for residential care

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Decision (EU) 2020/1802. (See end of Document for details)

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activities (NACE Code 87) and social work without accommodation (NACE Code 88). An evaluation of these pilot projects was presented to the EMAS Committee.

- (5) Based on the pilot project evaluation, the EMAS Committee recommended to include these sectors in the list of sectors in which the use of a sampling method for the verification of multisite organisations is allowed (Table 9),

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

NACE Codes 47.1, 87 and 88 are sectors in which the use of a sampling method for the verification of multisite organisations shall be allowed. These sectors are therefore moved from Table 10 to Table 9 of Annex I of the user's guide.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 27 November 2020.

*For the Commission*

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