

# DECISIONS

## 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)**

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 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.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 342, 22.12.2009, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 328, 12.12.2017, p. 38.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 27 November 2020.

*For the Commission*  
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