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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 48 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The objective of EMAS is to promote continuous improvements in the environmental performance of organisations by the establishment and implementation of an environmental management system, the evaluation of the performance of such a system, the provision of information on environmental performance, an open dialogue with the public and other interested parties and the active involvement of employees. To achieve this objective the Annexes I to IV to Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009 define specific requirements to be observed by the organisations wishing to implement EMAS and obtain EMAS Registration.
- (2) Part A of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009 includes the requirements set out in the EN ISO 14001:2004 Standard that constitutes the basis of the environmental management system requirements of that Regulation.
- (3) Part B of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009 lists a number of additional issues that organisations registered in the Community eco-management and audit scheme (EMAS) are required to address and that have a direct link to a number of elements of the EN ISO 14001:2004 Standard.
- (4) ISO has since released a new version of the International Standard ISO 14001. The second edition of the standard (EN ISO 14001:2004) has therefore been replaced by the third edition (ISO 14001:2015).
- (5) To assure a consistent approach throughout the different Annexes the relevant new provisions of the International Standard ISO 14001:2015 should also be taken into

account in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009 setting out the requirements on the Environmental Review and in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009 setting out the requirements on the Internal Environmental Audit.

- (6) Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (7) Organisations desiring to obtain or maintain both EMAS registration and ISO 14001 certification often conduct one integrated verification/certification process. To maintain coherence between the requirements of both instruments, organisations should not be obliged to implement the revised Annexes to Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009 prior to the new version of the International Standard ISO 14001. Transitional arrangements are therefore needed.
- (8) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 49 of Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

(1) OJ L 342, 22.12.2009, p. 1.