

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

## CHAPTER VIII

### **RULES APPLICABLE TO THE COMMISSION**

#### *Article 45*

#### **Relationship with other environmental management systems**

- 1 Member States may submit to the Commission a written request for recognition of existing environmental management systems, or parts thereof, that are certified in accordance with appropriate certification procedures recognised at national or regional level as complying with corresponding requirements of this Regulation.
- 2 Member States shall specify in their request the relevant parts of the environmental management systems and the corresponding requirements of this Regulation.
- 3 Member States shall provide evidence of the equivalence with this Regulation of all relevant parts of the environmental management system concerned.
- 4 The Commission shall, after examination of the request referred to in paragraph 1, and acting in accordance with the advisory procedure referred to in Article 49(2), recognise the relevant parts of the environmental management systems and recognise the accreditation or licensing requirements for the certification bodies if it is of the opinion that a Member State has:
  - a specified sufficiently clearly in the request the relevant parts of the environmental management systems and the corresponding requirements of this Regulation;
  - b provided sufficient evidence of the equivalence with this Regulation of all relevant parts of the environmental management system at stake.
- 5 The Commission shall publish the references of the recognised environmental management systems, including the relevant sections of EMAS referred to in Annex I to which those references apply, and the recognised accreditation or licensing requirements in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.