



The Group Ecocert asserts itself as the reference skills center in France and on the international stage, in the recognition of sustainable development initiatives; at the same time for organic and fair products (core business of ECOCERT), and in **environmental management system**, core business of ECOPASS (subsidiary of Ecocert).

## The EU Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS) (RÈGLEMENT EUROPÉEN (CE) N° 1221/2009)

### EMAS

The Eco Management and audit Scheme (EMAS), also conscript Eco-Audit, is an European standard revised in 2009. It defines a voluntary system based on the continuous improvement of the environmental performances. The recommended system is very nearby of that defined by the international standard ISO 14001. However the big difference lives in the fact that the EMAS obliges the company which commits to it to publish an environmental statement which must be validated by an independent verifier.

The new EMAS (repealing that of the 2001) wants more easily applicable, in particular as regards the " small organizations ", who can, in their request, benefit from dispensations (in particular renewal of the recording every 4 years and updating of the environmental statement every 2 years).

### The recording EMAS

The recording EMAS is later tuned :

- Realization of an external audit by a certification body [accredited by the French Committee of accreditation (COFRAC) and approved by the Ministry of Ecology of the energy of the sustainable development and the sea] which will verify that all the stages of the EMS were respected,
- Check of the environmental statement by an independent verifier accredited by the COFRAC, such as ECOPASS.

The applicant sends then its file to the authority which examines the administrative admissibility of the request. The authority passes on the file to the Committee EMAS which makes the decision of the recording. The coordinates of the registered companies are published to the newsletter of the European Union.

### Our expertise

During the EMAS audits, ECOPASS privileges the pragmatism thanks to our operational expertise. Beyond the report concerning the improvement axes to be brought to your environmental management system (EMS), our audit reports accentuate the key points of your initiative, in particular via performance indicators.

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### Our Services

#### Realization of audit of pre-certification

The diagnosis of pre-certification has for objective to estimate the level of control and the efficiency of your management system before the audit of certification.

#### The diagnosis of internal audit and/or management review

The diagnosis of internal audit or management review has for objective to estimate the level of control and the efficiency of a management system during an audit of follow-up by accompanying the internal audit or during the driving of the management review. This mission includes no advice, it is only about a report of efficiency towards the requirements of the audited standard.

#### Training initiatives

ECOPASS proposes a training catalog (internal audit, implementation of a management system, etc.).

#### Experts' network to answer your difficulties

Mutualizing the good practices, our team of auditors and experts rest at your disposal to help you.

### The mark ECOCERT

#### An acquired legitimacy

ECOCERT is an actor historic and engaged in the organic certification, become leading world of the eco-certification. Its ECOPASS subsidiary is a certification body specialized in the certification of management systems.

#### A service in coherence with our values

Faithful to its values, ECOPASS contributes to the environmental protection by accompanying your certification approach. The ISO 14001 certification by ECOPASS is intended to value your environmental management system.

### Our eco-participative approach

#### Carbon assessment and compensation

Further to our Carbon assessment, we incite our community to make a commitment in a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions program.

ECOPASS, as well as the Group Ecocert makes a commitment besides in a carbon compensation program of the incompressible emissions.

#### Our GREEN management

Our relays Green Connection insure the raising awareness within the teams and the implementation of our sustainable development reporting.

#### ECOCERT foundation

The ECOCERT foundation supports innovative projects aiming at the environmental protection, in the improvement of the social conditions of the populations as well as in the preservation of the cultural heritage.